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In "Great Debate" COAL BIG WINNER



By BILL D. ROSS
CINews' Managing Editor

An estimated audience of up to 80-million Americans watched the "Great Debate" last Tuesday between President Carter and his Republican challenger for the presidency, Ronald Reagan. When the 90-minute televised super-spectacular — billed as the "Clash of 1980" — was over, most political pundits agreed that the outcome was largely a toss-up.

Those who were for Jimmy Carter before were still supporters of the president. Those

who were for Ronald Reagan before were still supporters of the GOP hopeful.

As was expected, the rivals hammered at each other on the sharply-divided subjects which have been front and center on the campaign stage since the political conventions.

The president stressed the Democrats' historic support of social legislation and equal rights. He struck out for arms control and warned of the risk of war. His opponent lashed out at the administration's economic policies and the expansion of governmental

regulations.

On almost every subject, as a majority of the nation's TV viewers saw and heard, they were poles apart on almost everything.

Except one — coal.

Here the two candidates were in agreement on coal's importance to the future of the nation. There was no mistaking that both Carter and Reagan are committed to a vast expansion of its use as a prime alternative to petroleum — both imported and domestic — in the years to come.

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Sawhill Seen Eager To Get On With New Synfuels Post

By PAUL FEINE

WASHINGTON

Would you take a job with a corporation that hadn't really been established yet, at a salary that wouldn't be firmly fixed until well after you started work, without any concrete knowledge of how many people you could choose for your staff or what you could pay them, and with the clear possibility that unless your 100-member "board of directors" gave you a vote of confidence within a couple of months, you could be out on your ear?

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DOMESTIC

	9/27/80	9/20/80	9/20/79
Production			
Bituminous, recent week	18,910	17,475	16,362
Bituminous, year to date	621,940	605,030	588,853
Anthracite, recent week	95	94	105
Anthracite, year to date	4,104	4,009	3,513
Railroad loadings			
Bituminous, recent week	116,606	119,209	113,547
Bituminous, year to date	4,232,429	4,115,821	3,844,693
Anthracite, recent week	508	505	591
Anthracite, year to date	21,730	21,222	21,926

Production data in thousands of short tons.
Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy, Energy Information Administration - Weekly Coal Reports.

	9/26/80	9/13/80	9/22/79
Production by states, bituminous and lignite			
Eastern			
Alabama	619	613	490
Georgia	1	1	12
Illinois	1,391	1,529	1,328
Indiana	587	657	547
Kentucky:			
Eastern	2,560	2,492	2,060
Western	958	934	955
Total, Ky.	3,518	3,426	3,035
Maryland	72	86	91
Ohio	926	839	848
Pennsylvania	2,060	2,056	1,967
Tennessee	275	320	216
Virginia	948	1,050	846
West Virginia	2,200	2,213	1,933
Total, eastern	12,577	12,790	11,311
Western			
Alaska	16	16	15
Arizona	250	247	275
Arkansas	15	14	13
Colorado	400	381	291
Iowa	11	12	14
Kansas	11	10	13
Missouri	131	132	116
Montana	675	650	767
New Mexico	327	289	243
North Dakota	275	252	316
Oklahoma	117	104	126
Texas	550	546	469
Utah	200	192	255

	105	106	90
Washington	1,815	1,870	1,663
Wyoming	3,475	4,820	4,666
Total, western	17,475	17,610	15,977
Total, United States			
In short tons (000). Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy, Energy Information Administration - Weekly Coal Report.			
July '80			
June '80			
July '79			
Coal Labor			
All employees, thousands			
Coal mining	254.5	262.0	263.7
Bituminous & lignite	251.4	258.8	260.5
Production employees, thousands			
Coal mining	210.3	216.3	219.2
Bituminous & lignite	207.5	213.4	216.4
Hours, weekly average			
Coal mining	N.A.	40.3	N.A.
Bituminous & lignite	N.A.	40.3	N.A.
Earnings, hourly average, \$			
Coal mining	N.A.	10.94	N.A.
Bituminous & lignite	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Earnings, weekly average, \$			
Coal mining	388.02	440.88	393.58
Bituminous & lignite	388.34	442.09	394.69
Source: U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics - Employment and Earnings.			
N.A. - Not available.			

	9/27/80	9/26/80	9/26/79
Transportation: railroad			
Eastern district			
Bessemer and Lake Erie	1,296	1,327	1,755
Baltimore and Ohio	5,788	6,154	6,592
Chesapeake and Ohio	16,071	15,032	13,584
Consolidated Rail Corp.	8,571	9,713	10,440
Norfolk and Western	17,621	17,812	18,437
Pittsburgh & Lake Erie	240	337	194
Western Maryland	2,287	2,007	1,975
Other, eastern district	46	32	16
Total, eastern district	51,920	52,414	52,973
Southern district			
Clinchfield Railroad	2,161	2,232	2,050
Illinois Central Gulf	4,230	4,546	3,271
Louisville & Nashville	14,347	15,219	14,338
Southern Railway	9,677	8,898	8,173
Other, southern district	6	7	—
Total, southern district	30,421	30,904	27,832
Western district			
Atchafalpa, Topeka & Santa Fe	1,465	1,747	1,621
Burlington Northern	19,623	19,480	17,412
Chicago & North Western	301	557	539

	3,640	3,734	3,411
Denver & Rio Grande Western	102	102	187
Kansas City Southern	548	448	821
Chicago, Mil., St. Paul & Pacific	77	78	282
Missouri-Kansas-Texas	3,857	4,358	3,896
Missouri Pacific	—	—	71
Chicago, Rock Is. & Pacific	845	961	855
St. Louis-San Francisco	63	81	110
Soo Line	3,679	4,330	3,522
Union Pacific	68	31	5
Other, western district	34,268	35,907	32,742
Total, western district	116,609	119,225	113,547
Transportation: inland rivers			
Oct. 4, 1980			
Monongahela River, Lock 3	295,994	308,906	364,838
Allegheny River, Lock 2	14,100	24,300	32,400
Ohio River, Montgomery Lock	282,797	235,279	503,993
In short tons through locks. Source: U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District.			
Consumption-Bituminous			
Electric power utilities	53,439	45,731	48,121
Coke plants	4,893	5,317	6,489
Other industrial	5,000	5,000	5,175
Residential & commercial	350	400	349
Total	63,732	56,448	60,134
Consumption-Anthracite			
Electric utility	7/80	7/80	8/79
Coke plants	93	89	96
Other industrial	10	9	24
Residential & commercial	75	75	48
Total	150	150	96
Data given in thousands of short tons.			
Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy, Energy Information Administration - Weekly Coal Report.			
Coal User Stocks of Coal			
Electric power utilities	6/30/80	5/31/80	6/30/79
Coke plants	175,120	170,319	134,394
Other industrial	9,872	9,853	9,941
Total	184,992	180,172	133,003
Data given in thousands of short tons.			
Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy, Energy Information Administration - Weekly Coal Report.			
Coal User Production			
Major direct users:			
Electric utilities			
(Mil. Kwh., Week ended Oct. 4, 1980)			
Recent	40,992	44,351	41,357
Previous			
Year Ago			

	1,950	1,896	2,404
Steel (Short tons, thousands, Week ended Oct. 4, 1980)			
Cement, Portland, U.S. shipments (short tons, July, 1980)	7,090,983	6,960,752	7,939,759
Other significant output:			
Aluminum (short tons, Aug. 1980)	421,720	424,607	430,192
Motor vehicle production, total (week ended, Oct. 4, 1980)	168,572	165,090	210,292
Machine tools:			
Net new orders (\$000, Aug. 1980)	168,572	165,090	210,292
Machine tools (\$000, Aug. 1980)	222,550	304,550	426,050
Shipments (\$000, Aug. 1980)			
Price indexes			
Coal	472.1	469.0	452.8
Anthracite	478.4	470.4	N.A.
Chestnut, Pa., mine	428.7	N.A.	N.A.
Buckwheat No. 1 Pa., mine	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Bituminous			
Domestic sizes	471.0	468.1	453.1
Retail dealers	584.8	580.7	575.1
Industrial sizes, spot	276.7	274.7	272.1
Steam electric utility	398.7	395.8	393.5
Manufacturing	123.4	122.1	117.6
Metallurgical, high volatile	252.4	250.3	250.9
Metallurgical, low & medium volatile	704.2	698.5	706.2
Industrial sizes, contract			
Steam electric utility	133.9	133.1	127.8
Manufacturing	161.8	160.2	147.4
Metallurgical, high volatile	120.2	120.1	116.3
Coke (foundry by-product)	99.2	99.2	104.4
Birmingham, Ala.	430.6	430.6	430.6
Birmingham, Wis.	439.6	439.6	434.0
Milwaukee, Wis.	420.4	420.4	420.4
Detroit, Mich.	423.1	423.1	427.4
Indianapolis, Ind.	437.7	437.7	437.7
St. Louis, Missouri	286.8	286.8	286.8
Philadelphia, Penna.	286.8	286.8	286.8
N.A. - Not available			

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	Physical Value			Dollar Value			Prices—Avg. Value per Short Ton		
	Quantity in short tons			Dollar Value			Avg. Value, per short ton		
	Aug. 1980	July 1980	Aug. 1979	Aug. 1980	July 1980	Aug. 1979	Aug. 1980	July 1980	Aug. 1979
Bituminous coal, low volatile blends to make coke									
Japan	2,015,061	1,524,580	1,121,789	115,254,563	87,611,566	66,928,036	57.20	57.47	59.66
Canada	682,114	606,212	980,686	40,769,839	35,917,171	54,774,260	59.77	59.25	57.02
Italy	505,083	528,348	357,892	26,751,905	28,330,880	18,967,823	52.97	53.60	53.05
Belgium	411,096	292,418	184,625	21,018,019	13,270,673	8,625,714	51.13	45.38	46.72
France	269,176	317,622	230,491	15,629,011	16,544,816	12,984,344	58.03	52.00	56.33
Netherlands	266,670	28,227	303,679	13,291,803	1,578,861	16,064,074	49.84	55.93	52.90
Korea Rep. (South)	235,414	32,967	—	12,597,848	1,643,342	—	53.51	49.84	—
Brazil	205,909	342,923	231,191	11,870,387	19,538,281	12,929,559	57.65	56.96	55.93
Spain	193,326	300,863	147,758	9,978,915	14,930,213	7,548,939	51.62	77.23	51.09
Yugoslavia	192,067	—	84,778	9,634,809	—	4,096,387	50.16	—	48.34
United Kingdom	183,683	170,352	118,332	9,654,659	9,318,677	6,491,814	52.56	54.70	54.86
Turkey	174,275	89,777	162,618	8,411,469	4,354,214	7,744,784	48.27	48.50	47.63
Sweden	146,084	132,450	55,677	7,719,138	8,952,424	2,852,672	52.84	52.49	51.24
Portugal	101,848	—	89,379	5,484,642	—	4,886,330	53.85	—	54.45
Egypt	94,635	118,346	93,265	5,485,302	6,791,474	4,928,784	57.96	57.39	52.85
Total, above	5,676,441	4,485,065	4,142,180	313,544,309	246,782,572	229,825,520	55.24	55.02	55.48
Total, other nations	467,694	373,390	349,826	25,030,705	19,931,895	17,040,156	53.52	53.38	48.71
Total, all nations	6,144,135	4,858,455	4,491,986	338,575,014	266,714,467	246,865,676	55.11	54.90	54.96
Bituminous coal, other									
Canada	1,161,541	1,487,958	1,448,830	45,117,756	59,342,384	56,484,404	39.70	39.88	38.99
Netherlands	322,379	211,398	—	12,298,556	8,882,421	—	38.15	42.02	—
United Kingdom	260,825	186,133	—	11,061,103	7,817,691	—	42.44	42.00	—
France	240,265	296,957	—	8,739,058	10,863,876	—	36.37	36.58	—
Denmark	202,192	263,923	49,947	8,397,790	10,596,623	1,583,126	41.53	40.15	31.70
Belgium	121,711	136,282	—	3,877,233	4,979,668	—	31.86	36.54	—
Total, above	2,308,713	2,582,651	1,498,777	90,491,496	102,482,643	58,067,530	39.20	39.68	38.74
Total, other nations	490,869	531,073	98,262	21,002,680	22,079,390	4,847,535	42.79	41.58	49.33
Total, all nations	2,799,582	3,113,724	1,597,039	111,494,156	124,562,033	62,915,065	39.83	40.00	39.39
Lignite									
Total, all nations	39,822	2,047	1,433	1,548,031	371,108	194,986	38.87	181.29	136.07

	Physical Value				Dollar Value		Prices—Avg. Value per Short Ton			
	Quantity in short tons				Dollar Value		Avg. Value, per short ton			
	Aug. 1980	July 1980	Aug. 1979	Aug. 1980	July 1980	Aug. 1979	Aug. 1980	July 1980	Aug. 1979	
Coal coke for use as fuel										
Canada	125,890	—	63,657	4,626,481	—	—	3,420,413	36.75	—	
Other nations	113,346	219,437	95,531	8,068,445	10,760,165	—	4,262,230	71.18	49.04	
Total, all nations	239,236	219,437	159,188	12,694,926	10,760,165	—	7,682,643	53.06	49.04	
Petroleum coke, except calcined										
Japan	287,799	185,766	128,528	12,881,271	8,043,996	3,336,849	44.06	43.30	25.96	
Belgium	138,921	64,626	37,664	5,504,926	1,912,923	1,067,410	39.63	29.60	28.34	
Netherlands	108,059	60,887	193,584	4,801,321	2,774,608	6,686,173	44.43	45.57	34.55	
Total, above	534,779	311,279	359,776	22,987,512	12,731,527	11,093,432	42.99	40.90	30.83	
Total, other nations	181,684	262,923	201,898	7,928,758	9,362,307	6,383,371	43.64	35.61	31.62	
Total, all nations	716,463	574,202	561,674	30,916,270	22,093,834	17,476,803	43.15	38.48	31.12	
Compositions for fuel										
Total, all nations	122	193	686	15,060	26,126	106,764	123.44	135.37	160.31	
Anthracite										
Total, all nations	286,002	273,149	159,006	15,753,348	12,562,154	8,684,065	55.08	45.99	54.61	
Bituminous coal										
South Africa	122,503	—	161,760	4,196,267	—	3,299,766	34.25	—	28.40	
Total, other nations	333	26,763	28,459	22,196	973,681	886,078	66.65	33.85	31.14	
Total, all nations	122,836	26,763	190,219	4,218,463	973,681	4,185,844	34.34	33.85	22.01	
Coke, suitable for fuel										
Total, all nations	114,529	23,270	503,873	10,131,165	2,301,960	42,295,460	88.46	98.92	83.94	
Compositions for fuel										
Total, all nations	2,131	2,373	—	95,968	102,644	—	45.04	43.25	—	
Coal, other & lignite										
Total, all nations	42,837	3,150	129,814	1,694,202	105,755	4,134,488	39.55	33.57	31.88	

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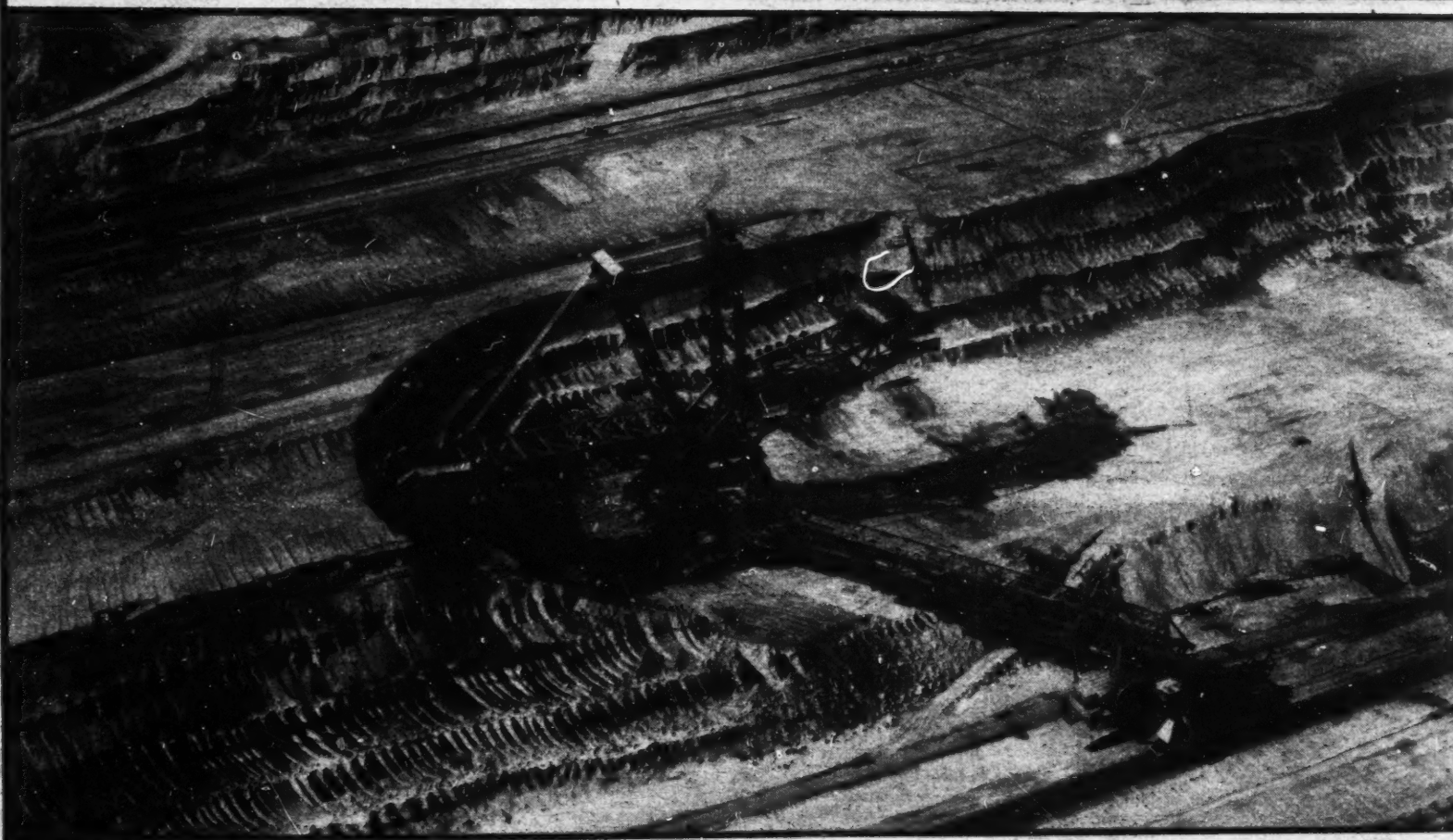
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CINews' Gene Smith Writes:

Germany Faces, Overcomes Same U.S. Problems



By GENE SMITH

The American coal industry should have it so good!

This doesn't imply that the German industry is booming. Far from it. But all sectors seem to know where they're headed, and they see an orderly improvement in the years to come, based on a strong Government policy that is aimed at freeing Germany from imported oil.

Mining equipment makers know that sales to domestic users are limited so they are turning to exports for ex-

panding markets overseas that can put to good use the vast array of equipment that leads the world technologically.

Perhaps it is the German love of the methodical that pervades this air of optimism where American business leaders would be less bullish.

"We're optimistic about coal ... cautiously optimistic,

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Despite Reagan Landslide, Congress Coal Fight Not Over

By PAUL FEINE

WASHINGTON

Coal industry executives danced in the streets, literally and figuratively, when Ronald Reagan's landslide victory seemed certain to sweep away all the many barriers to energy development which have bothered coal and other energy industry representatives for years.

When the post-celebration hangover finally goes away, though, there may be much less to this Republican victory than meets the eye at first glance, and those with an interest in coal may soon be forced to recognize the brewing storm clouds that threaten to compromise the hard-won presidential and senatorial successes.

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JOHN CORCORAN EXPECTS basic business decisions to be made in the market place in the Reagan Administration which, he feels, bodes well for coal. (Page 15)

McELHATTAN SEES National Mine Service moving into "recovery phase" after nearly two years of recession. (Page 2)

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Budget Cutters Slash Proposed Synfuels \$\$

By STUART MAGOWAN

WASHINGTON

Synfuels may be the wave of the future, but you wouldn't know it by looking at the Department of Energy's proposed budget for fiscal year 1982 after the Office of Management and Budget got through with it.

OMB, an arm of the White House itself, looked at the \$1.6-billion requested by DOE for the year beginning October 1, 1981, and allowed only \$350-million. The budget cutters used unusually hard language in describing their rationale for the slashes.

Accusations appear throughout the OMB budget denial paper to the effect that DOE wants to spend public funds to fatten private industry purses, and that DOE proposals represent a blank check to companies operating subsidized programs, with few incentives for efficiencies on the part of the operators.

The SRC-2 solvent refined coal plant construction agreement is Continued on Page 16

In The Reagan Years:

Future of Synfuels Corp. Is Shrouded in Concern



SYNFUELS CHIEF SAWHILL (center) is pleased with model of Owensboro, Ky., plant as Edward Donley (left), chairman of Air Products & Chemicals, and Michael Dingman, Wheelabrator-Frye chairman, look on.

Upstate NY Utility Asks Okay For Oil-To-Coal

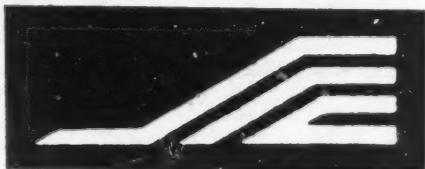
By GENE SMITH

SPRING VALLEY, N.Y.

Orange & Rockland Utilities has filed a formal application with the New York Department of Environmental Conservation seeking permission to burn coal at its Lovett plant on the Hudson River.

Frank E. Fischer, vice president-engineering & production, told a press conference at company headquarters here that this represented the first action of its kind in response to a state-wide effort to convert from oil-fueled power generation. If approval is granted and the conversion is completed in 1983, O & R would be able to generate 75 percent Continued on Page 15

Synfuels Corp. Logo: Is It 'Proud Bird' or 'A Turkey?'



WASHINGTON

As with all new federal agencies, one of the first tasks of the Synthetic Fuels Corporation was to design and promulgate an artistic logotype for its organization. The logo, ostensibly a stylized rendition of the letters SFC, with a forward-looking motif, was characterized by one cynic in the Washington energy establishment as "the proud bird with the black tail."

Another wag, perhaps in tune with the Reagan camp's attitude toward the new corporation, observed that the symbol more precisely resembles "a turkey."

In any event, the Synthetic Fuels Corporation now has, in addition to the logo, its own address, zip code, and telephone number: 1200 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20586; (202) 653-4400. Whether the fact that the zip code is "one up" from DOE's zip has any significance remains to be seen.

By STUART MAGOWAN

WASHINGTON — The baby was born reasonably healthy, although its parents had fretted through a long pregnancy and arduous delivery. Now, just as everyone concerned with the newborn's health was beginning to breathe a sigh of relief, the infant is showing signs of serious post-natal complications, and the doctors just aren't sure what to do.

The baby, of course, is the Synthetic Fuels Corporation, and the complications, if not fatal, appear likely to be seriously debilitating. In addition, the entire synthetic fuels family seems to be suffering growing pains, even as one of the favorite rich uncles — in the form of the Carter Administration's Office of Management and Budget — has severely curtailed contributions to the family exchequer.

The concept of a viable synthetic fuels corporation funding many promising new technologies in the synfuels area, which was greeted with such enthusiasm such a short time ago, is now truly fighting for its life, and the outlook is not good.

President Jimmy Carter has been forthright in his support of the Continued on Page 15

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DRAVO'S SYNFUELS GLOSSARY. (Page 11)

NEW ENGLAND ELECTRIC orders coal-fired, coal-carrying ship. (Page 24)

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Bituminous coal, low volatile blends in make cokes										Coal cokes for use as fuel									
Total, all nations	198,930	239,236	168,555	13,237,233	12,694,926	8,251,111	66.54	53.00	48.95	Total, all nations	42	122	610	5,537	15,060	78,245	131.83	123.44	130.19
Japan	2,088,676	2,015,061	1,035,365	117,649,459	115,254,563	60,335,608	56.33	57.20	58.27	Petroleum cokes, except coloidal									
Canada	634,566	682,114	983,375	38,450,325	40,769,839	57,035,561	56.37	59.77	58.00	Japan	175,207	287,799	240,239	6,874,507	12,681,271	7,272,011	39.24	44.00	30.27
France	472,848	289,176	255,477	23,409,860	15,621,011	13,903,083	49.51	58.03	54.42	Netherlands	130,606	108,059	34,902	5,454,313	4,801,321	996,804	41.76	44.43	28.56
Italy	457,284	505,083	257,793	23,014,997	26,751,905	13,385,690	50.33	52.97	51.92	Belgium	53,219	138,921	254,209	2,425,212	5,504,926	7,747,109	45.57	39.63	30.48
Sweden	227,299	148,084	87,287	11,922,624	7,719,138	4,932,114	52.45	52.84	56.50	Total, above	359,032	534,779	529,350	14,754,032	22,987,518	16,015,924	41.09	42.99	30.20
Netherlands	197,430	266,670	66,895	9,764,452	13,291,803	3,499,027	49.46	52.84	56.50	Total, other nations	231,797	181,684	309,027	9,893,969	7,928,752	9,129,137	42.68	43.64	29.54
Belgium	177,844	411,096	121,444	9,117,645	21,018,019	6,362,036	51.27	51.13	52.39	Total, all nations	590,829	716,463	838,377	24,648,001	30,916,270	25,145,061	41.72	43.15	29.99
Spain	175,622	193,326	98,019	8,049,853	9,979,915	4,826,182	45.84	51.62	49.24	Compositions for fuel									
United Kingdom	175,163	183,683	186,684	8,788,003	9,654,659	9,055,573	50.17	52.50	48.51	Total, all nations	95,997	286,002	126,796	5,806,587	15,753,348	6,602,963	60.49	55.08	52.08
Germany, F.R. (West)	174,841	51,276	75,986	4,999,462	2,911,312	3,871,535	54.33	56.78	50.95	Anthracite									
Brazil	163,860	205,909	111,047	8,813,994	11,870,387	6,146,513	53.79	57.65	55.35	Total, all nations	3,078	2,131	100	127,080	95,988	25,424	41.29	45.04	254.24
Egypt	119,680	94,635	—	6,346,410	5,485,302	—	53.04	57.96	—	IMPORTS									
Total, above	5,065,093	5,024,113	3,279,371	274,827,084	280,326,853	183,352,922	54.26	55.80	55.91	Sep. 11, 1980	Aug. 1980	Sep. 1979	Sep. 1980	Aug. 1980	Sep. 1979	Aug. 1979	Sep. 1980	Sep. 1980	
Total, other nations	495,911	1,120,022	254,043	25,852,251	58,248,161	13,006,507	52.13	52.01	51.20	Bituminous coal									
Total, all nations	5,561,004	6,144,135	3,533,414	300,679,335	338,575,014	196,359,429	54.07	55.11	55.57	South Africa	—	122,503	177,245	—	4,196,267	3,795,596	—	—	21.25
	Sep. 1980	Aug. 1980	Sep. 1979	Sep. 1980	Aug. 1980	Sep. 1979	Sep. 1980	Aug. 1980	Sep. 1979	Total, other nations	152	27	120	7,132	22,196	9,642	46.92	822.07	80.35
Bituminous coal, other										Total, all nations	152	122,630	177,365	7,132	4,218,463	3,805,238	46.92	34.34	21.45
Canada	900,820	1,161,541	1,217,218	37,558,021	46,117,756	47,021,842	41.69	39.70	38.63	Cokes, suitable for fuel									
France	338,092	240,265	—	12,035,151	8,739,058	—	35.60	36.37	—	Total, all nations	35,900	114,529	481,000	1,936,982	10,131,165	40,913,888	53.95	88.40	85.06
United Kingdom	325,196	260,625	—	13,243,354	11,061,103	—	40.72	42.44	—	Compositions for fuel									
Netherlands	214,800	322,379	—	9,581,026	12,298,556	—	44.60	38.15	—	Total, all nations	3,078	2,131	100	127,080	95,988	25,424	41.29	45.04	254.24
Denmark	207,179	202,192	52,157	7,459,248	8,397,790	2,034,591	36.00	41.53	—	Coal, other & lignite									
Belgium	162,449	121,711	17,832	5,217,899	3,877,233	477,213	32.12	31.80	—	Total, all nations	2,135	42,837	2,221	89,505	1,694,202	64,806	41.92	39.55	29.14
Spain	133,380	99,832	—	7,097,011	3,827,802	—	53.21	38.34	—	Lignite									
Total, above	2,281,916	2,408,545	1,287,207	92,191,710	94,319,298	49,533,646	40.40	39.16	38.48	Total, all nations	2,485	39,822	1,585	302,439	1,548,031	197,227	121.71	38.87	124.43
Total, other nations	422,852	391,037	197,903	16,799,320	17,174,858	19,105,197	39.73	43.92	50.79										
Total, all nations	2,704,768	2,799,582	1,485,107	108,971,030	111,494,156	59,584,843	40.29	39.83	40.12										



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Great Plains Gasification Outlook Dim With Last-Ditch Negotiations Deadlock

By STUART MAGOWAN

WASHINGTON

Chairman Arthur Seder, Jr., of American Natural Resources Company in Detroit, had a dejected look on his face when he merged from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's meeting room on the day before New Year's Eve without the "settlement" he had urged on the parties to the court case involving his pet project — the Great Plains coal gasification venture.

Seder's dejection was genuine.

Not only did he fail to secure agreement on the terms of any arrangement to allow work to proceed on the massive Great Plains plant, but he also went away without any positive indication that any meeting of the minds might be possible with continued negotiations.

The settlement conference was a last-ditch effort to figure out some way for financing the construction of what had been touted as the nation's first commercial-scale coal gas plant while working within the strictures imposed by the December 8 ruling of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit invalidating the previous FERC approval of funding arrangements for the project.

The unanimous court decision, which took all observers by surprise, cast a pall of pre-Christmas gloom over Seder's company and

the other project sponsors. None of the options available was particularly palatable, but the consortium pushing the Great Plains project tried valiantly to find a needed "quick fix."

Most energy experts familiar with the case, the appeals court, and the Supreme Court were willing to bet that the highest tribunal would overrule the appellate group if an appeal to the high court were to be undertaken.

However, it is an even stronger bet that the amount of time inevitably required for the Supreme Court appeal process would be the final straw on the backs of the Great Plains sponsors, and the project would likely be scrapped entirely.

A rehearing by the FERC itself, while a possibility, would also take months to complete, and the time involved seemed likely to lead the already frustrated sponsors toward abandonment of the plant. And so it was that the beleaguered partners in Great Plains Gasification Associates came to the FERC with a proposal to modify its financial plans to take into account the dictates of the appeals court.

What is needed, at the absolute minimum, Seder told the FERC staff conference, is an order from the Commission approving an appropriate settlement agreement, and a positive statement from the Department of

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Chessie Seeks To Double Europe Steam Coal Share

By ROBERT E. BEDINGFIELD

CLEVELAND

Chessie System, Inc., the nation's largest coal carrier over its three railroads — Chesapeake & Ohio, Baltimore & Ohio and Western Maryland — means to double its share of the European market for steam coal.

Jerry E. Gobrecht, Chessie's vice president for coal traffic, believes this market has only begun a vast increase.

"We are looking at an over-all increase of about 11 percent in our coal originations for 1981," Gobrecht told CInews. "The increase in exports, within that 11 percent, will be about 15 percent, and the domestic increase about 9."

"For the year just ending we will show exports of 32-million tons, compared with 19-million tons in 1979. Of the 1979 movement only 400,000 tons was steam coal. Of the 32-million we expect to find that 11-million was steam coal, so the steam coal exports went up thirteenfold."

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'New Energy Era' Problems Pose Widespread Questions

By JAMES F. SMITH

Chairman, Orange & Rockland Utilities, Inc.

Our nation is in the throes of a new energy era.

Picture a teeter-totter.

On one end of the plank sit ever-increasing oil prices and resultant double-digit inflation, government inaction, red tape and environmental extremists.

On the other end of the plank sits a sound energy program combining prudent use of all energy resources and development of renewable fuel technologies.

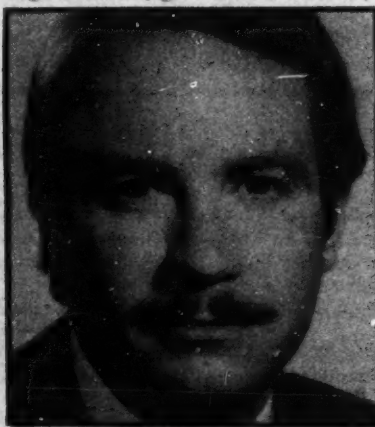
The teeter-totter represents the nation's commitment to developing the full range of energy options.

Hanging in the balance is our economic future.

The scenario is imaginary, but the problem is real. It has its effects on us all, no matter where we live in America, and it won't go away. It can't be swept under the rug.

Energy and the economy are inseparable. Without energy we cannot

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Coal Transport Seen As Key Problem During Next Decade

By VICTOR CHURCHWARD

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The efficient movement of coal — not just its transportation from the mine to the port, but also its actual handling as an export commodity — will be a subject of increasing importance in the next 10 years.

Two major concerns to industry today, transportation deregulation

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	12/28/80	12/13/80	12/2/79		631	746	818	Other, eastern district	456	210	16	Steel (short tons, thousands, Week ended Dec. 27)	2,202	2,337	2,187
Production				Montana				Total, eastern district	54,598	47,966	48,736	Cement, Portland, U.S. shipments (short tons, Sept. 28/80)	7,302,604	7,079,053	7,917,879
Bituminous, recent week	17,850	17,845	15,790	New Mexico	194	307	189	Southern district				Other significant output:			
Bituminous, year to date	820,880	803,210	764,171	North Dakota	296	296	336	Clinchfield Railroad	1,722	1,972	1,903	Aluminum (short tons, Nov. 1980)	427,394	438,676	423,241
Anthracite, recent week	105	82	105	Oklahoma	29	110	109	Illinois Central Gulf	4,738	4,625	4,033	Motor vehicle production, total (week ended, Dec. 13)	184,787	175,910	235,665
Anthracite, year to date	5,289	5,207	4,798	Texas	510	603	357	Louisville & Nashville	15,266	13,432	14,764	Machine tools:			
				Utah	198	185	286	Southern Railway	9,055	9,116	7,137	Net new orders (000, Nov. 1980)	331,700	330,000	432,900
				Washington	102	106	96	Other, southern district	1	2	9	Shipments (\$000, Nov. 1980)	398,400	439,800	361,300
				Wyoming	1,551	1,571	1,544	Western district	30,782	29,147	27,848				
Railroad carloadings				Total, western	4,277	4,782	4,489	Atchafalaya, Topeka & Santa Fe	1,362	1,263	1,680				
Bituminous, recent week	121,733	123,075	111,205	Total, United States	14,485	17,740	15,540	Burlington, Northern	21,822	20,909	19,808				
Bituminous, year to date	5,633,512	5,511,779	5,182,191	In short tons (000). Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy, Energy Information Administration — Weekly Coal Report.				Chicago & North Western	548	608	524				
Anthracite, recent week	231	280	515					Denver & Rio Grande Western	4,493	4,821	3,736				
Anthracite, year to date	27,015	26,734	24,774					Kansas City Southern	101	126	126				
Production data in thousands of short tons.								Chicago, Mil., St. Paul & Pacific	1,098	928	1,375				
Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy, Energy Information Administration — Weekly Coal Reports.				Coal Labor	18/80	9/80	10/79	Missouri-Kansas-Texas	106	70	232	Price indexes	11/80	10/80	11/79
				All employees				Missouri Pacific	4,470	4,470	3,725	Coal	475.7	471.0	455.4
				Coal mining	260.6	262.8	264.1	Chicago, Rock Is. & Pacific	—	—	255	Anthracite	491.2	479.4	418.6
				Bituminous & lignite	257.3	259.5	260.9	Soo Line	74	65	102	Chestrut, Pa., mine	426.7	426.7	372.6
				Production employees				Union Pacific	3,578	3,455	4,182	Buckwest No. 1, Pa., mine	N.A.	545.1	479.6
				Coal mining	214.8	217.4	219.2	Other, western district	13	36	10	Bituminous	474.3	469.6	455.6
				Bituminous & lignite	211.8	214.5	218.3	Total, western district	37,695	36,749	36,669	Domestic sizes	584.8	584.2	581.4
				Hours, weekly average				Total, all districts	123,075	113,862	113,281	Retail dealers	276.7	276.4	275.0
				Coal mining	40.9	40.7	41.5					Industrial sizes, spot	396.4	399.3	394.4
				Bituminous & lignite	40.9	40.7	41.5	Transportation:	12/27/80	12/20/80	12/29/79	Steam electric utility	120.1	123.4	118.7
				Earnings, hourly average				Land rivers				Manufacturing	252.8	252.4	250.2
				Coal mining	10.94	10.92	10.31	Monongahela River, Lock 3	197,762	370,030	229,583	Metalurgical, high volatile	704.2	704.2	708.2
				Bituminous & lignite	10.97	10.95	10.34	Allegheny River, Lock 2	14,500	28,800	21,800	Metalurgical, low & medium volatile	710.4	710.4	703.8
				Earnings, weekly average				Ohio River, Montgomery Lock	254,517	284,300	190,200	Industrial sizes, contract	135.3	133.4	128.6
				Coal mining	447.45	444.44	427.87	In short tons through locks. Source: U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District.				Steam electric utility	164.9	160.9	148.9
				Bituminous & lignite	448.67	445.67	429.11					Manufacturing	120.2	120.2	118.8
				Source: U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics — Employment and Earnings.				PU From Dec 1				Metalurgical, high volatile	98.9	99.0	104.4
					12/13/80	12/6/80	12/15/79					Coke (foundry by-product)	430.6	430.6	431.2
				Transportation: railroad								Birmingham, Ala.	439.6	439.6	439.6
				Eastern district				Coal Use Reduction				Milwaukee, Wis.	420.4	420.4	420.4
				Bedford and Lake Erie	1,209	1,154	938	Major sectors:				Detroit, Mich.	N.A.	423.1	427.4
				Baltimore and Ohio	7,628	6,138	4,452	Electric utilities				Indianapolis, Ind.	437.7	437.7	437.7
				Chesapeake and Ohio	15,541	13,843	12,865	(Mil. Kwh., Week ended Dec. 27)	44,711	46,555	39,326	St. Louis, Missouri	286.8	286.8	286.8
				Consolidated Rail Corp.	8,756	6,636	9,220					Philadelphia, Penna.	285.8	285.8	285.8
				Norfolk and Western	18,475	18,153	18,542					N.A. — Not available			
				Pittsburgh & Lake Erie	141	70	444								
				Western Maryland	2,392	1,782	2,259								
Western															
Alaska	13	14	15												
Arizona	200	213	250												
Arkansas	5	13	17												
Colorado	422	494	321												
Iowa	10	12	11												
Kansas	3	10	17												
Missouri	111	122	122												

FACTS & FIGURES EXPORTS

	Physical Value			Dollar Value			Prices—Avg. Value per Short Ton						Physical Value			Dollar Value			Prices—Avg. Value per Short Ton					
	Quantity in short tons			Dollar Value			Avg. Value, per short ton						Quantity in short tons			Dollar Value			Avg. Value, per short ton					
	Oct. 1980	Sept. 1980	Oct. 1979	Oct. 1980	Sept. 1980	Oct. 1979	Oct. 1980	Sept. 1980	Oct. 1979	Oct. 1980	Sept. 1980	Oct. 1979	Oct. 1980	Sept. 1980	Oct. 1979	Oct. 1980	Sept. 1980	Oct. 1979	Oct. 1980	Sept. 1980	Oct. 1979			
Bituminous coal, low volatile blends to steam coils																								
Canada	2,402,110	2,988,876	1,689,940	136,452,22	117,849,459	100,131,608	56.31	56.33	59.25				Coal cake for use as fuel	145,061	87,885	109,289	6,000,857	4,118,507	5,236,240	41.37	60.69	47.91		
Japan	612,522	457,284	417,989	32,374,677	23,014,997	21,214,038	52.85	50.33	50.86				Total, other nations	108,535	131,065	51,275	8,092,237	9,118,726	3,602,633	74.56	69.57	70.26		
Italy	567,513	634,566	757,586	33,814,748	38,450,325	43,129,150	59.69	60.59	58.93				Total, all nations	253,596	198,930	160,564	14,093,094	13,237,233	8,638,873	55.59	66.54	55.96		
Canada	423,704	472,848	429,816	24,903,131	23,409,860	22,943,844	58.54	49.51	53.78															
France	367,790	197,430	250,464	18,431,461	9,764,452	12,769,816	50.11	49.46	50.98															
Netherlands	358,564	183,860	263,683	20,834,000	8,813,994	15,126,811	58.11	53.79	57.37				Petroleum cokes, except calcined											
Brazil	302,177	175,622	288,660	15,154,806	8,049,863	1,546,057	50.15	45.84	53.93				Canada	138,736	—	119,754	4,982,884	—	3,238,252	35.92	—	27.04		
Spain	205,205	175,183	218,327	10,859,058	8,788,003	10,353,713	52.92	50.17	47.42				Japan	136,583	175,207	44,762	6,251,588	6,874,507	1,538,220	45.77	39.24	34.32		
Sweden	192,075	227,299	136,312	10,760,996	11,922,624	7,180,695	56.02	62.07	52.68				Belgium	99,951	53,219	99,954	2,688,865	2,425,212	2,411,596	26.90	45.57	24.13		
Germany, F.R. (West)	177,637	174,841	221,511	9,001,480	9,499,462	11,548,936	50.67	53.48	52.14				Total, above	375,270	228,426	264,470	13,923,117	9,299,719	7,186,088	37.10	40.71	27.17		
Venezuela	151,848	—	126,659	7,396,286	—	6,028,000	48.72	—	47.16				Total, other nations	222,775	362,403	437,831	9,482,727	15,348,282	13,254,397	42.57	42.35	30.27		
Argentina	133,782	73,314	85,051	3,679,256	4,280,202	54,269	50.00	53.33	—				Total, all nations	598,045	590,829	702,301	23,405,844	24,648,001	20,440,485	39.14	41.72	29.10		
Belgium	131,518	177,844	558,192	7,179,920	9,117,845	25,233,327	54.59	51.27	45.21				Compositions for fuel											
Total, above	6,026,445	5,018,747	5,184,705	334,324,911	272,359,930	281,498,290	55.48	54.27	54.29				Total, all nations	94	42	613	12,544	5,537	83,291	133.45	131.83	144.03		
Total, other nations	333,564	542,257	519,100	18,273,855	28,319,405	26,010,134	54.78	52.23	50.11															
Total, all nations	6,360,009	5,561,004	5,703,805	352,598,766	300,679,335	307,508,424	55.44	54.07	53.91															
	Oct. 1980	Sept. 1980	Oct. 1979	Oct. 1980	Sept. 1980	Oct. 1979	Oct. 1980	Sept. 1980	Oct. 1979															
Bituminous coal, other													Anthracite											
Canada	1,170,388	900,820	1,153,855	48,446,004	37,558,021	44,755,680	41.39	41.69	38.79				Total, all nations	248,161	95,997	131,341	13,530,439	5,808,587	6,229,805	54.52	60.49	47.43		
United Kingdom	267,998	325,196	21,351	12,053,400	13,243,354	1,056,845	44.96	40.72	49.50				Imports											
France&226,935	338,092	—	9,789,487	12,035,151	—	42.76	35.60	—	—				Oct. 1980	Sept. 1980	Oct. 1979	Oct. 1980	Sept. 1980	Oct. 1979	Oct. 1980	Sept. 1980	Oct. 1979			
Denmark	194,711	207,179	—	10,006,454	7,459,248	—	51.36	36.00	—															
Netherlands	175,686	—	—	214,806	9,581,967	—	45.83	44.60	—				Bituminous coal											
China, T.	121,241	55,881	—	4,637,157	2,432,936	—	38.25	38.93	—				Total, all nations	96,806	152	32,615	2,583,620	7,132	655,770	26.74	46.92	20.11		
Spain	113,067	133,380	—	4,558,519	7,097,011	—	40.32	53.21	—				Coke, suitable for fuel											
Germany, F.R. (West)	101,675	50,119	168,411	5,025,489	2,357,060	8,014,767	49.43	47.03	47.59				Total, all nations	11,591	35,900	299,963	869,729	1,936,982	26,522,565	75.03	53.95	86.42		
Total, above	2,373,709	2,235,467	1,343,617	102,568,477	91,763,807	53,827,292	43.21	41.05	40.06				Compositions for fuel											
Total, other nations	470,535	469,301	267,840	18,835,068	17,207,223	11,193,824	40.03	36.67	41.82				Total, all nations	1,673	3,078	1,033	72,034	127,080	31,174	43.06	41.29	30.18		
Total, all nations	2,844,244	2,704,768	1,611,257	121,403,543	108,971,030	65,021,116	44.89	40.29	40.35															
													Coal, other & lignite											
Total, all nations	1,601	2,485	1,343	286,942	302,439	283,137	179.23	121.71	210.82				Total, all nations	42,678	2,135	119,073	1,301,820	89,505	4,002,044	30.36	41.92	33.61		

WHERE & WHEN A CALENDAR OF EVENTS OF MEETINGS OF INTEREST
TO THE COAL AND OTHER ENERGY-RELATED INDUSTRIES.

Jan. 25-30 — Conexpo '81, Construction Equipment Exposition, Astrodomain, Houston, Tex. Information: Pat Eugenio, CIMA, 11 East Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, Wis. 53202.

Jan. 19-23 — 7th Annual Conference on Explosives & Blasting Technique, Del Webb's Townhouse, Phoenix, Ariz. Contact: Calvin J. Konya, 216-474-8436.

Jan. 23-29 — Course on Coal Preparation Plants, Hyatt Regency, Lexington, Ky., by American Coal Training Institute, P.O. Box 7460, Monroe, La. 71203. Also Feb. 25-26 at Charleston House Holiday Inn, Charleston,

W. Va.; March 25-26, Marriott Downtown, Atlanta, Ga., and April 8-9 Pittsburgh Marriott, Pittsburgh, Pa.

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March 2-3 — 1st National Coal Testing Conference at Lexington Center, Lexington, Ky. Sponsored by Standard Laboratories, Charleston, W.Va. Information: Karen Gallagher 304-343-5173.

March 9-11 — 8th Annual Energy Technology Conference & Exposition at Sheraton Washington Hotel, Washington, D.C. Information: Government Institutes, P.O. Box 1096, Rockville, Md. 20850. Telephone: 301-251-9250.

May 10-13 — American Mining Congress 1981 Coal Convention, St. Louis, Mo. Information: AMC, Suite 300, 1920 N St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036. Telephone: 202-861-2800.

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The Reagan Years:

WHAT WILL THEY MEAN TO COAL?



By PAUL FEINE

WASHINGTON

As the nation embarks on its voyage with Ronald Reagan at the helm, many energy industry officials have succumbed to the temptation of patting each other on the back and commenting on how rosy the future looks for energy activity.

With coal as with other fuels, what eventually happens under President Reagan's stewardship is likely to be far less revolutionary and free-market oriented than the President's most ardent supporters would have us believe, yet far more constructive and productive than his detractors fear.

There is one great advantage coal has now that it has not enjoyed at the dawn of previous administrations. While Presidents Nixon, Ford, and Carter all extolled the virtues of coal as the country's most abun-

dent domestic energy source, their endorsements were largely in principle, rather than specific plans for the use of coal.

Now, if the initial signs of the incoming administration are carried through in positive actions, there is a healthy commitment not only to the greatly increased use of coal to meet the nation's energy needs, but also to policies designed to facilitate the mining, production, transportation, and end-use of coal.

The key figures in the Reagan administration who will be most influential in determining the outlook for coal over the next several years include Secretary of the Interior James Watt, Secretary of Energy James Edwards, and Director of the Office of Management and Budget David Stockman. All three have a substantial background in energy matters, albeit from different perspectives.

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Industry Experts: 'Great Coal Boom' Yet To Come

By GENE SMITH

The coal industry produced a record \$35.4-million tons last year, the Department of Energy reported. This was an increase of 6.9 percent over the 1979 total and represented a greater gain than had been forecast by the National Coal Association.

DOE also reported that coal exports for the first 11 months jumped (Continued on Page 6)

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STEAM COAL (Btu 12,000) EXPORTS FOR OCTOBER 1980

Destination	Exports	Value
Canada	878	\$ 83,115
"	1,851	27,050
"	739	514,489
"	12,128	47,821,370
"	1,155,670	48,446,004
"	1,170,388	
Mexico	6,842	304,517
"	1,305	67,195
"	7,947	371,712
Venezuela	21	2,730
Peru	1	4,470
Chile	65,866	2,296,929
Finland	26,707	1,061,148
"	24,627	974,080
"	51,334	2,035,228
Denmark	132,841	6,756,076
"	61,870	3,250,378
"	194,711	10,006,454
United Kingdom	—	50,000
"	124,006	4,853,891
"	143,990	7,149,506
"	267,996	12,053,400
Taiwan	121,241	4,837,157
Ireland	7,391	402,026
"	16,484	775,642
"	23,875	1,237,668
Netherlands	11,878	498,894
"	71,330	2,836,018
"	92,488	4,717,055
"	175,896	8,051,967
Italy	48,022	1,863,285
Belgium	89,826	3,236,818
Portugal	14,958	852,867
France	52,038	1,858,449
"	176,899	7,931,047
"	228,935	9,789,487
Greece	4,982	225,019
Fed. Rep. of Germany	35,387	1,503,939
"	63,189	3,441,550
"	3,099	80,000
Spain	101,675	5,025,489
"	54,784	2,245,282
"	58,283	2,313,237
"	113,067	4,558,519
Romania	34,448	1,117,213
"	32,134	1,086,917
"	66,582	2,203,130
Japan	36,402	1,813,255
"	60,719	2,692,125
"	97,121	4,505,380
Total	2,844,244	121,403,543

METALLURGICAL COAL (Btu 13,110) EXPORTS FOR OCTOBER 1980

Canada	230	6,670
"	69	3,000
"	567,214	33,805,116
"	567,513	33,814,786
Mexico	49,834	2,735,182
"	1,040	50,019
Honduras	50,674	2,785,181
"	6	1,306
Chile	31,566	1,782,229
Brazil	358,564	20,834,785
Argentina	48,331	2,725,189
"	85,401	4,534,126
"	133,782	7,259,315

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Houston, Tex.

Miami, Fla.

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United Kingdom

Ireland
Romania
Netherlands

Belgium

Italy
France

Pakistan
Fed. Rep. of Germany

Yugoslavia
Spain
Gibraltar
Rep. of Korea

Kuwait
Japan

Egypt
Total

ANTHRACITE COAL (Btu 13,170) EXPORTS FOR OCTOBER 1980

Canada	977	60,333
"	4,000	255,861
"	30,941	1,852,362
"	29,367	1,800,403
"	107	5,880
"	417	27,970
"	65,889	3,902,619
Mexico	1,448	140,442
"	50	4,125
"	22	3,201
"	1,521	147,788
Australia	4	5,400
Venezuela	79	10,758
Chile	192	47,503
Brazil	4,934	372,535
Argentina	11	2,500
Netherlands	24,740	1,462,067
France	76	8,500
"	39,807	2,041,096
"	39,883	2,049,596
Fed. Rep. of Germany	152	13,589
"	14,440	1,159,036
"	2	2,000
"	14,594	1,174,825
Saudi Arabia	6	1,596
Rep. of Korea	81,071	3,159,707
Japan	15,257	1,193,745
Total	248,161	13,530,439

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A CALENDAR OF EVENTS OF MEETINGS OF INTEREST TO THE COAL AND OTHER ENERGY-RELATED INDUSTRIES.

Jan. 25-30 — Conexpo '81, Construction Equipment Exposition, Astrodome, Houston, Tex. Information: Pat Eugenio, CIMA, 111 East Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, Wis. 53202.

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Jan. 29-30 — Energy Law: A Time of Change by Federal Energy Bar Association at Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D.C. Information: Ernest Wilerson, Director, Center for Advanced Legal Training, 340 Central

Park South, New York, N.Y. 10019. Telephone: 212-757-2848.

Feb. 12-13 — Introductory Course on Environmental Laws & Regulations by Government Institutes at Stouffer's National Center Hotel, Washington, D.C. Also March 19-20 at Sir Francis Drake Hotel San Francisco, Cal. Advanced Course, April 13-14 at Hotel Washington, Washington, D.C. Information: Government Institutes, P.O. Box 1096, Rockville, Md. 20850. Telephone: 301-351-9250.

Jan. 29-Feb. 1 — National Railroad Construction & Maintenance Association Convention, Hotel Royal Plaza, Lake Buena Vista, Fla. Information: Larry Shields, Executive Director, NRC/MAL, 8031 Waymond Ave., Highland, Ind. 46322.

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Feb. 22-26 — Society of Mining Engineers at AIME Annual Meeting, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Chicago, Ill. Project Financing in Development of Mineral Resources, Economics & Econometric Forecasting and Professional Engineer Review Course in Mining Engineering, Part II. Information: General Member Services, SME, Calver No. D., Littleton, Col. 80127. Telephone: 303-973-9360.

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	Physical Value			Dollar Value			Prices—Avg. Value per Short Ton				Physical Value			Dollar Value			Prices—Avg. Value per Short Ton		
	Quantity in short tons			Dollar Value			Avg. Value, per short ton				Quantity in short tons			Dollar Value			Avg. Value, per short ton		
	Nov. 1969	Oct. 1969	Nov. 1979	Nov. 1969	Oct. 1969	Nov. 1979	Nov. 1969	Oct. 1969	Nov. 1979		Nov. 1969	Oct. 1969	Nov. 1979	Nov. 1969	Oct. 1969	Nov. 1979			
Minerals coal, low volatile blends in bulk cokes																			
Japan	1,753,275	2,402,110	937,753	101,415,380	136,452,225	55,501,750	57.84	56.81	59.19	Canada	101,995	145,061	94,320	4,201,895	6,090,857	5,152,121	41.20	41.37	54.82
Italy	668,684	812,522	266,400	35,309,100	32,309,100	14,077,853	52.79	52.85	52.83	Total, other nations	42,762	108,535	79,104	5,050,405	8,092,237	3,864,239	118.11	74.58	48.85
Canada	627,381	567,513	581,253	38,011,617	33,814,786	33,844,194	60.50	59.58	57.68	Total, all nations	144,757	253,596	173,424	9,252,300	14,093,094	9,016,360	63.92	55.57	51.99
Belgium	425,267	131,518	493,873	21,554,408	7,179,020	24,347,042	50.68	54.59	49.30	Petroleum cokes, except refined									
Spain	372,527	302,177	86,589	19,486,067	15,154,806	4,436,366	52.31	50.15	50.10	Japan	101,512	136,583	248,678	4,168,246	6,251,568	7,584,081	41.06	45.77	30.72
Brazil	286,709	358,584	239,207	15,701,469	20,834,785	13,251,147	54.75	58.11	55.40	Belgium	58,583	99,951	114,761	2,929,165	2,668,995	2,914,027	50.00	26.90	25.39
Germany, F.R. (West)	194,554	177,837	356,802	10,354,343	9,001,460	16,707,704	53.22	50.67	46.83	Canada	40,931	139,736	127,428	1,558,379	4,982,884	3,382,447	38.07	35.92	26.36
Netherlands	172,897	367,790	111,009	8,490,322	18,431,485	5,767,632	19.16	50.11	51.85	Total, above	201,026	375,270	489,067	8,655,780	13,923,117	13,890,556	43.06	37.10	28.34
Romania	124,173	41,937	49,468	6,063,321	2,135,900	2,448,770	48.83	50.93	49.44	Total, other nations	80,932	222,775	173,780	3,192,965	9,482,727	5,541,668	39.80	42.57	31.89
France	116,835	423,704	365,831	7,181,516	24,803,130	19,907,347	61.47	58.54	54.42	Total, all nations	281,958	598,045	662,827	11,848,749	23,405,844	19,432,241	42.07	39.14	29.29
Egypt	115,768	27,035	—	6,688,339	1,422,500	—	57.76	52.62	—	Compositions for fuel									
Algeria	108,092	—	—	5,890,279	—	—	—	—	—	Total, all nations	242	94	630	26,918	12,544	105,158	111.23	133.45	166.92
Total, above	4,967,222	5,412,507	3,490,925	276,146,787	301,605,547	190,089,805	55.59	55.72	54.40	As % of total									
Total, other nations	428,551	947,502	1,031,780	22,008,878	50,993,219	51,441,124	52.75	53.82	49.81	Total, all nations	79,662	248,161	152,955	4,851,934	13,530,439	8,859,955	60.88	54.52	57.93
Total, all nations	5,395,773	6,360,009	4,522,705	298,755,665	352,598,766	241,530,929	55.37	55.44	53.41	Imports:									
	Nov. 1969	Oct. 1969	Nov. 1979	Nov. 1969	Oct. 1969	Nov. 1979	Nov. 1969	Oct. 1969	Nov. 1979	Nov. 1969	Oct. 1969	Nov. 1979	Nov. 1969	Oct. 1969	Nov. 1979	Nov. 1969	Oct. 1969	Nov. 1979	
Minerals coal, other																			
Canada	1,341,848	1,170,380	1,251,042	55,282,584	48,446,004	48,914,000	41.20	41.36	39.10	As % of total									
France	350,183	228,935	62,476	12,637,881	9,780,487	1,946,792	36.09	42.78	31.16	Total, all nations	79,662	248,161	152,955	4,851,934	13,530,439	8,859,955	60.88	54.52	57.93
Belgium	265,456	99,828	12,315	9,075,321	3,236,818	354,621	34.19	36.03	28.80	Imports:									
Japan	253,073	97,121	—	11,831,806	4,505,380	—	46.75	46.36	—	Nov. 1969	Oct. 1969	Nov. 1979	Nov. 1969	Oct. 1969	Nov. 1979	Nov. 1969	Oct. 1969	Nov. 1979	
Germany, F.R. (West)	237,544	101,675	66,972	11,136,500	5,025,489	3,007,430	46.89	40.43	44.91	Minerals coal									
Denmark	222,709	194,711	—	8,940,622	10,006,454	—	39.97	51.36	—	Total, all nations	109	96,608	90,625	9,957	2,583,620	2,171,235	91.35	26.74	23.06
China, Taiwan	206,262	121,241	—	7,780,281	4,637,157	—	37.62	56.25	—	Coke, suitable for fuel									
Italy	183,016	48,022	—	7,105,778	1,863,205	—	38.83	38.60	—	Total, all nations	56,355	11,591	109,745	4,212,297	869,729	14,743,089	74.75	75.03	66.85
Spain	114,647	113,067	—	6,398,470	4,568,512	—	55.79	40.32	—	Compositions for fuel									
Netherlands	100,638	175,696	55,084	3,841,506	8,051,987	2,148,802	38.17	45.83	39.01	Total, all nations	255	1,673	1,240	9,630	72,034	37,595	37.76	43.06	30.32
Total, above	3,276,155	2,340,682	1,447,869	134,010,329	100,120,580	58,371,845	40.90	42.77	38.93	Coke, other and lignite									
Total, other nations	235,521	364,088	46,506	10,059,336	21,282,963	1,865,129	43.08	58.46	40.54	Total, all nations	2,555	42,878	39,587	106,675	1,301,820	1,182,339	42.53	30.36	29.87
Total, all nations	3,509,679	2,704,788	1,494,385	144,069,665	121,403,543	58,236,774	—	—	—										
Lignite																			
Total, all nations	1,285	1,001	2,740	240,115	286,942	209,075	186.88	179.23	76.30										



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GREAT PLAINS: CAN IT RISE LIKE 'PHOENIX' FROM ASHES?

By PAUL FEINE

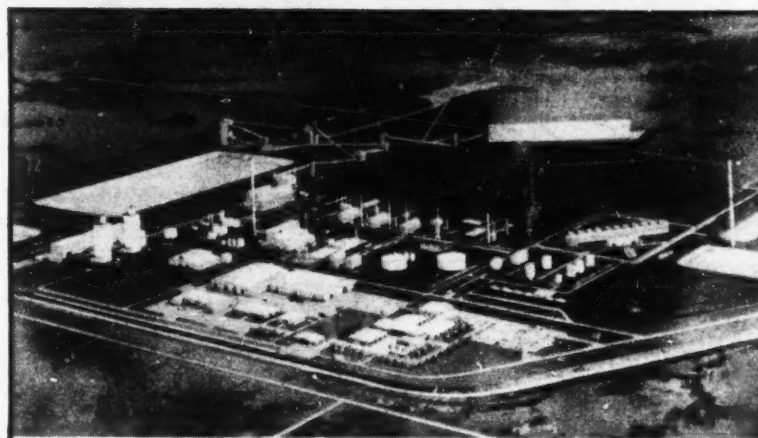
WASHINGTON — Like the proverbial Phoenix rising from the ashes, the on-again, off-again Great Plains coal gasification project, which no longer than a month ago had been given up for dead, has now been given a transfusion and artificial respiration by its chief sponsor, American Natural Resources Company, and may be ready to come back to life again.

With a splash of publicity and many crossed fingers, American Natural and its other partners in the venture brought forth last Monday a new financing plan, a new partnership agreement, a new regulatory posture for the entire project, and new hopes that what American Natural chairman Arthur R. Seder, Jr. called "in all probability the last effort to finance the project" will meet the objections of intervenors who have thwarted previous attempts to bring the project to fruition.

Three major specific changes were made in the financing plan discussed at the second of two "settlement conferences" at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) early in January.

First, the partners in the construction project would give up all regulatory protection for their debt and equity investment in the plant, planned for construction in Mercer County, North Dakota, other than the loan guarantees for which they have applied to the Department of Energy. (DOE).

Second, the consortium building the plant, the first commercial-scale coal gasification project planned for this country, would not be able to recover from eventual customers any of its investment in the project during the construction phase of the project.



OFF-AGAIN ON-AGAIN GREAT PLAINS GASIFICATION PROJECT MAY BE ON-AGAIN.

Third, the partners would not seek a cost-of-service tariff from the FERC, but would rather seek advance Commission approval of specific sales contracts at set prices calculated to be in line with the highest-cost deregulated natural gas supplies now being purchased

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A Changing American Life-Style?

Stoves Make Comeback As Home Heating Units

By GENE SMITH

Pennsylvania anthracite mine operators consider home heating little more than the latest fad, but those who have gone back to coal are ecstatic.

"Since we put in our Petit Godin, we've never enjoyed Winter as much, even though this has been an awfully cold one," says Emily Skinner, a psychologist who lives on Plum Island, Newbury, Mass.

"And our fuel bill is just about half what it was last year," chimes her husband, Charles, also a psychologist.

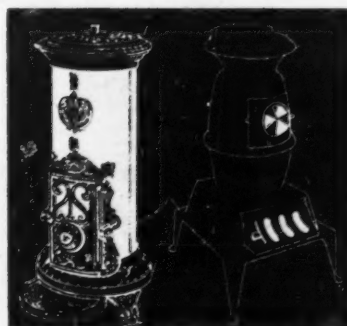
Walter Tomaszewski, a photo-journalist of Rutherford, N.J., echoes the Skinners' enthusiasm. In November 1979 he installed a German-built Wesco ceramic tile

stove in his living room at a cost of \$975. The Tomaszewski home is a typical New Jersey two-floor dwelling with a finished attic. It was heated entirely with oil until the Wesco arrived. Now, oil is used only on the coldest days.

"This Winter we've spent just \$425 on coal and oil against the \$1,000 we poured into 67-cent-a-gallon oil in the Winter of 1978-79," Tomaszewski boasts, adding that he also built an "oven attachment" that is used for cooking atop the stove.

John W. Bartok, Jr., a professor and extension agricultural engineer at the University of Connecticut, believes that "a switch to a coal or wood stove in three or four rooms that are 'lived in' makes good sense." The professor

specializes in the installation and operation of such stoves and has written a book, "Heating With Coal,"



published recently by Garden Way Publishing of Charlotte, Vt.

Under a heading, "Will a Coal Stove

Change Your Life Style?", Bartok wrote:

"It takes a special family to tolerate some of the inconvenience of a coal stove. If you become serious about using coal, you must commit at least half-an-hour a day to the operation and maintenance of the stove. A daily routine may consist of rising a little earlier to fire up the stove so that the house is warm when the rest of the family gets up. During the day, an occasional check is probably all that is needed. At night, the fire needs to be banked and a safety check made to see that no combustibles have been left near the stove. Also, once a day you must remove the ashes, a rather messy job."

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PITTSTON JOINS PORT PROJECT at Baltimore. (Page 5)

CORA COAL TERMINAL TO HANDLE 15-million tons of coal at Mississippi site. (Page 8)

Coal Industry News Bought By Whitney Communications

NEW YORK — Whitney Communications Corporation is continuing its expansion into energy-related publishing with the purchase of Coal Industry News.

"Our interest in this highly visible and increasingly important publishing area began three years ago with our acquisition of The Oil Daily," said Walter N. Thayer, President of WCC. "We have increased

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DOMESTIC

				1/17/81	1/18/81	1/19/80				1,810	1,755	1,516				240	231	511				185	125	134
Production							Wyoming			4,803	5,038	4,516	Chicago & North Western			3,718	4,131	2,994	Other industrial			4,869	4,648	2,753
Bituminous, recent week				14,965	14,805	14,985	Total, western			17,650	17,845	15,790	Denver & Rio Grande Western			101	108	125	Total					
Bituminous, year to date				32,620	17,855	33,735	Total, United States						Kansas City Southern			1,136	1,117	1,129	Notes: Data given in thousands of short tons.					
Anthracite, recent week				28	25	115	In short tons (000)						Chicago, Mil., St. Paul & Pacific			162	88	42	Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy, Energy Information Administration — Weekly Coal Report					
Anthracite, year to date				87	59	207	Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy, Energy Information Administration — Weekly Coal Report.			11/80	10/80	11/79	Missouri-Kansas-Texas			4,122	3,854	4,197	Coal User Production					
Railroad carloadings							All employees						Missouri Pacific			—	—	132	Major direct users:					
Bituminous, recent week				103,207	102,095	102,344	Coal mining						Chicago, Rock-Is. & Pacific			80	104	214	Electric utilities					
Bituminous, year to date				225,345	123,138	231,654	Bituminous & lignite			266.0	261.8	265.5	St. Louis-San Francisco			3,032	3,069	4,002	(Mil. Kwh., 1/24/81)			48,787	49,789	45,021
Anthracite, recent week				149	131	448	Production employees			262.7	258.5	262.5	Soo Line			1	—	1	Steel (Short tons, thousands, 1/24/81)			2,406	2,351	2,385
Anthracite, year to date				445	296	1,057	Hours, weekly average						Union Pacific			35,213	38,266	35,639	Cement, Portland, U.S. ship. (short tons, 10/80)			7,809,185	7,302,604	8,580,759
Production data in thousands of short tons.							Coal mining			220.2	218.1	220.5	Total, western district			103,207	102,095	102,343	Other significant output:					
Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy, Energy Information Administration — Weekly Coal Reports.							Bituminous & lignite			217.2	213.1	217.6	Total, all districts			1/24/81	1/17/81	1/25/80	Aluminum (short tons, 12/80)			438,929	427,394	434,702
Week Ending				12/29/80	12/13/80	12/25/79	Hours, weekly average			40.4	40.6	41.3	Transportation: inland rivers						Motor veh. production, total (week ended, 1/24/81)			151,091	150,670	148,664
Production by states, bituminous and lignite							Coal mining			40.4	40.6	41.3	Monongahela River, Lock no.3			355,360	276,750	376,972	Machine tools:					
Eastern							Bituminous & lignite						Allegheny River, Lock no. 2			25,200	7,200	50,400	Net new orders (\$000, 12/80)			301,700	329,050	402,300
Alabama				624	630	458	Earnings, hourly average						Ohio River, Montgomery Lock			251,500	225,700	265,800	Shipments (\$000, 12/80)					
Georgia				2	2	18	Coal mining			11.18	10.93	10.44	-in short tons through locks.						Source: U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District.					
Illinois				1,452	1,250	1,121	Bituminous & lignite			11.22	10.97	10.47	Consumption						Price indexes			12/80	11/80	12/79
Indiana				574	640	474	Earnings, weekly average						Electric power utilities			45,642	45,011	42,888	Coal			475.7	475.7	457.8
Kentucky							Coal mining			451.67	443.76	431.7	Coke plants			5,142	5,099	6,112	Anthracite			497.9	491.2	423.7
Eastern							Bituminous & lignite			453.29	445.38	432.41	Other industrial			5,800	6,100	5,898	Chestnut, Pa., mine			435.3	426.7	381.1
Western							Source: U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics — Employment and Earnings.						Residential and commercial			750	700	814	Buckwheat No. 1, Pa., mine			554.9	N.A.	480.4
Total, Ky.				3,101	3,340	3,095	Week Ending			1/17/81	1/18/81	1/19/80	Total			57,334	56,910	55,712	Bituminous			474.1	474.3	457.9
Maryland				88	140	48	Transportation: railroad						Coal user stocks of coal						Domestic sizes			587.3	584.8	577.6
Ohio				850	910	836	Eastern district						Electric power utilities			179,472	177,584	155,241	Retail			277.8	278.7	273.3
Pennsylvania				2,507	2,240	1,737	Bessemer and Lake Erie			835	660	1,229	Coke plants			8,563	8,443	9,860	Industrial sizes, spot			396.4	396.4	394.5
Tennessee				329	330	284	Baltimore and Ohio			4,870	4,098	3,806	Other industrial			11,000	11,000	9,868	Steam electric utility			120.3	120.1	119.4
Virginia				1,083	995	979	Chesapeake and Ohio			10,845	11,054	11,045	Residential and commercial			199,035	197,009	174,969	Manufacturing			251.9	252.8	249.4
West Virginia				2,236	2,330	2,226	Consolidated Rail Corp.			6,361	6,813	8,098	Total						Metallurgical, high volatile			704.2	704.2	706.2
Total, eastern				12,847	12,807	11,274	Norfolk and Western			16,181	15,374	15,855	Coal user stocks of coal						Metallurgical, low & medium volatile			710.4	710.4	703.6
Western							Pittsburgh & Lake Erie			146	1	390	Electric power utilities						Industrial sizes, contract			135.2	135.3	129.5
Alaska				10	11	16	Western Maryland			747	1,576	1,372	Coke plants						Industrial sizes, contract			184.6	164.9	150.8
Arizona				225	200	221	Other eastern district			125	47	3	Other industrial						Manufacturing			120.2	120.2	116.8
Arkansas				9	10	15	Total, eastern district			40,110	39,623	41,796	Total						Metallurgical, high volatile			99.0	98.9	104.4
Colorado				467	490	363	Southern district						Consumption						Coke (foundry by-product)			430.6	430.6	431.2
Iowa				11	11	15	Cincinnati Railroad			2,012	1,784	2,020	Electric power utilities			56	73	92	Birmingham, Ala.			439.6	439.6	439.6
Kansas				2	12	16	Illinois Central Gulf			4,618	4,533	3,705	Coke plants			9	9	26	Milwaukee, Wis.			420.4	420.4	420.4
Missouri				115	130	111	Louisville & Nashville			12,887	11,999	11,729	Other industrial			75	75	48	Detroit, Mich.			N.A.	N.A.	427.4
Montana				859	804	837	Southern Railway			8,364	7,889	7,452	Residential and commercial			150	150	119	Indianapolis, Ind.			437.7	437.7	437.7
New Mexico				276	280	221	Other, southern district			3	1	—	Total			290	307	285	St. Louis, Missouri			286.8	286.8	286.8
North Dakota				310	350	300	Total, southern district			27,884	26,206	24,906	Coal user stocks of coal						Philadelphia, Penna.			285.8	285.8	285.8
Oklahoma				95	105	110	Western district						Electric power utilities			4,661	4,481	2,496	N.A. — Not Available					
Texas				545	585	440	Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe			1,423	1,341	1,421	Coke plants			43	42	123						
Utah				159	190	237	Burlington Northern			21,258	22,423	19,879												
Washington				110	105	94																		

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Physical Value				Dollar Value				Prices—Avg. Value per Short Ton				Physical Value				Dollar Value				Prices—Avg. Value per Short Ton			
Quantity in short tons				Dollar Value				Avg. Value, per short ton				Quantity in short tons				Dollar Value				Avg. Value, per short ton			
				Nov. 1980	Oct. 1980	Nov. 1979	Nov. 1980	Oct. 1980	Nov. 1979	Nov. 1980	Oct. 1980	Nov. 1979					Nov. 1980	Oct. 1980	Nov. 1979	Nov. 1980	Oct. 1980	Nov. 1979	
Bituminous coal, low volatile blends to make cokes													Coal cokes for use as fuel										
													Canada										
Japan	1,753,225	2,402,110	937,753	101,415,380	136,452,225	55,501,750	57.84	56.81	59.19					101,995	145,061	94,320	4,201,895	6,000,857	5,152,121	41.20	41.37	54.82	
Italy	686,884	612,522	286,480	35,308,106	32,309,106	14,077,853	52.79	52.85	52.83														
Canada	627,361	587,513	581,253	38,011,617	33,814,786	33,644,194	60.59	59.58	57.88				Total, other nations	42,782	108,535	79,104	5,050,405	8,092,237	3,864,239	118.11	74.56	48.85	
Belgium	425,267	131,518	493,873	21,554,408	7,179,920	24,347,042	50.68	54.59	49.30				Total, all nations	144,757	253,596	173,424	9,252,300	14,093,094	9,016,360	63.92	55.57	51.99	
Spain	372,527	302,177	88,589	19,486,667	15,154,806	4,438,366	52.31	50.15	50.10														
Brazil	286,769	358,584	239,207	15,701,469	20,834,785	13,251,147	54.75	58.11	55.40				Petroleum cokes, exempt coked										
Germany, F.R. (West)	194,554	177,637	356,802	10,354,343	9,001,460	16,707,704	53.22	50.67	48.83				Japan	101,512	196,583	248,878	4,168,246	6,251,568	7,584,081	41.08	45.77	30.72	
Netherlands	172,697	367,790	111,609	8,490,322	18,431,465	5,767,632	19.16	50.11	51.65				Belgium	58,583	99,951	114,761	2,929,155	2,688,885	2,914,027	50.00	28.90	25.39	
Romania	124,173	41,937	49,488	6,063,321	2,135,800	2,446,770	48.83	50.93	49.44				Canada	40,931	138,736	127,428	1,558,379	4,982,884	3,362,447	38.07	35.92	26.39	
France	116,835	423,704	365,831	7,181,516	24,803,130	19,907,347	61.47	58.54	54.42														
Egypt	115,788	27,035	—	6,888,339	1,422,500	—	57.76	52.62	—				Total, above	201,026	375,270	489,067	8,655,780	13,923,117	13,980,555	43.06	37.10	28.34	
Algeria	109,082	—	—	5,890,279	—	—	—	—	—				Total, other nations	80,632	222,775	173,780	3,192,969	9,482,727	5,541,686	39.60	42.57	31.80	
													Total, all nations	281,658	598,045	662,827	11,848,749	23,405,844	19,402,241	42.07	39.14	29.29	
Total, above	4,967,222	5,412,507	3,490,925	276,148,787	301,605,547	190,089,805	55.59	55.72	54.45				Compositions for fuel										
Total, other nations	428,551	947,502	1,031,780	22,606,878	50,993,219	51,441,124	52.75	53.82	49.86				Total, all nations	242	94	—	26,918	12,544	105,158	111.23	133.45	168.92	
Total, all nations	5,395,773	6,360,009	4,522,705	298,755,645	352,598,766	241,530,929	55.37	55.44	53.40														
	Nov. 1980	Oct. 1980	Nov. 1979	Nov. 1980	Oct. 1980	Nov. 1979	Nov. 1980	Oct. 1980	Nov. 1979														
Bituminous coal, other																							
Canada	1,341,648	1,170,388	1,251,042	55,282,564	48,446,004	48,914,000	41.20	41.39	39.10				Australia										
France	350,163	228,935	62,478	12,637,881	9,789,487	1,946,792	36.09	42.76	31.16				Total, all nations	78,692	248,161	15,000	13,530,439	8,859,955	60.88	54.52	57.93		
Belgium	285,456	89,826	12,315	9,075,321	3,236,818	354,821	34.19	36.03	28.80														
Japan	253,073	97,121	—	11,831,606	4,505,380	—	46.75	46.39	—														
Germany, F.R. (West)	237,544	101,675	66,972	11,138,500	5,025,489	3,007,430	48.89	49.43	44.91				Imports	Nov. 1980	Oct. 1980	Nov. 1979	Nov. 1980	Oct. 1980	Nov. 1979	Nov. 1980	Oct. 1980	Nov. 1979	
Denmark	223,708	194,711	—	8,940,622	10,006,454	—	39.97	51.39	—				Bituminous coal										
China, Taiwan	206,262	121,241	—	7,780,281	4,637,157	—	37.62	38.25	—				Total, all nations	109	96,606	90,625	9,957	2,583,620	2,171,235	91.35	26.74	23.96	
Italy	183,016	48,022	—	7,105,778	1,863,285	—	38.83	38.80	—														
Spain	114,647	113,067	—	6,396,470	4,558,519	—	55.79	40.32	—				Cokes, suitable for fuel										
Netherlands	100,638	175,698	55,064	3,841,506	8,051,967	2,148,802	38.17	45.83	39.01				Total, all nations	56,355	11,591	169,745	4,212,297	889,729	14,743,089	74.75	75.03	86.85	
Total, above	3,276,155	2,340,882	1,447,889	134,010,329	100,120,560	56,371,645	40.90	42.77	38.93				Compositions for fuel										
Total, other nations	233,524	364,098	48,506	10,059,336	21,282,963	1,885,129	43.08	58.45	40.54				Total, all nations	255	1,673	1,240	9,630	72,034	37,595	37.78	43.06	30.32	
Total, all nations	3,509,679	2,704,768	1,496,395	144,069,665	121,403,543	58,256,774	—	—	—														
	Nov. 1980	Oct. 1980	Nov. 1979	Nov. 1980	Oct. 1980	Nov. 1979	Nov. 1980	Oct. 1980	Nov. 1979														
Lignite																							
Total, all nations	1,285	1,801	2,740	240,115	286,942	208,075	186.86	179.23	76.30				Coal, other and lignite										
													Total, all nations	2,555	42,878	39,587	108,674	1,301,820	1,182,339	42.53	30.36	29.87	

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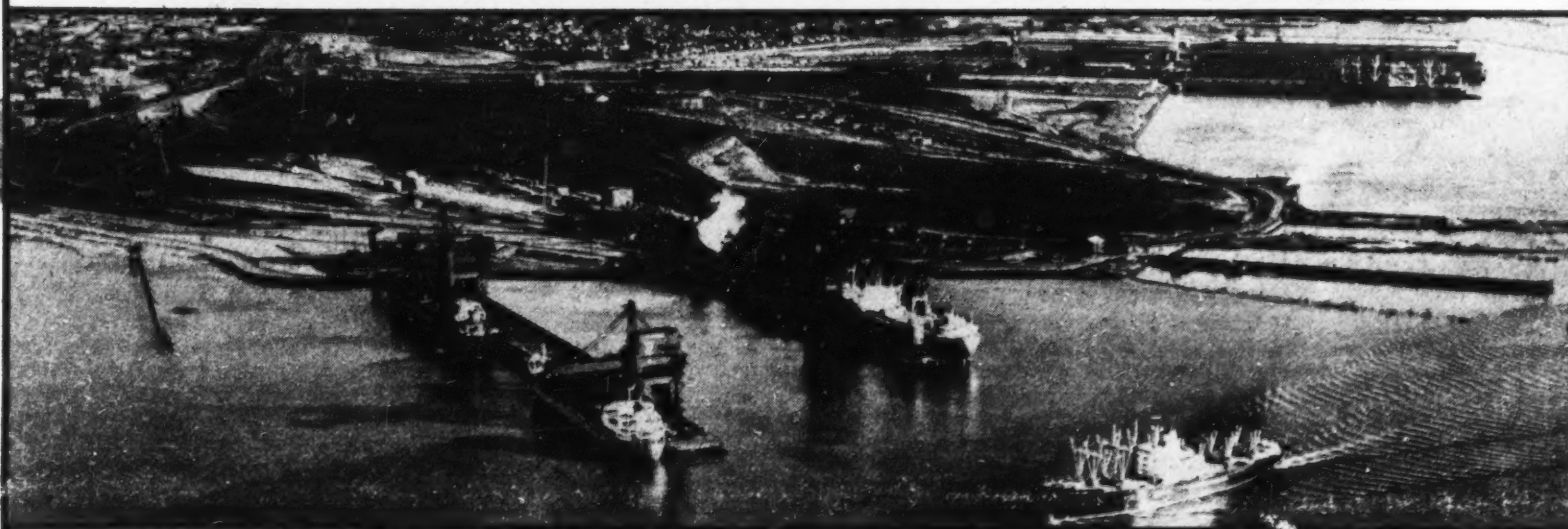
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NEW ERA BEGINS FOR NATION'S COAL-HAULING RAILROAD LINES



BRIGHTEST SPOT IN COAL FOR 1980 came in industry exports which were up 65 percent. Other aspects of the replacement of oil by coal as the nation's prime energy source moved slowly with total

production increasing 6.3 percent and railroad coal loadings by 8.6 percent. With new governmental regulation patterns, coal-hauling railroads entered a new era.

By ROBERT E. BEDINGFIELD

Replacement of oil by coal as the nation's prime energy source moved slowly in 1980. The shift did proceed — at something less than a rational pace, as environmental obstacles kept getting in the way.

Coal production in total rose by 6.3 percent, railroads' coal loadings by 8.6 percent, and coal exports by 65 percent.

As the year ended a new era began for the coal railroads, from a revenue standpoint, on the last day of 1980 the Interstate Commerce Commission granted a 5 percent general freight rate increase, which will be the last of its kind. The Staggers Act will require the roads hereafter to rely more on selective changes.

At the same time the ICC retreated from the market dominance rules set up in 1976 by its then chairman, Daniel O'Neal, to thwart the

intent of the 4R Act. The ICC offered a new formula for judging coal rates increases, which may make it easier to raise specific rates.

Railroads prepared for greater increases in coal traffic than actually took place in 1980. This was a fortunate development; 1981 will be a sluggish year and equipment orders have been cut back. There will still be plenty of rolling stock for rising coal movement.

In fact, the year's decline of 5.4 percent in carloadings, while ton-miles (one ton moved one mile) stood still, is largely a tribute to greater coal-moving efficiency. Larger cars are moving more swiftly over longer distances, as unit trains multiply and production gains come in Western regions far from centers of population and industry.

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Another Chapter In The Great Plains Saga:

'Possibly Fatal Factors' Seen in Latest Development

By PAUL FEINE

WASHINGTON — "The paper says you have wings," joked New York Public Service Commission counsel Dick Solomon to American Natural Resources Company chairman Arthur Seder at the latest "settlement" conference on the Great Plains coal gasification plant, as both looked at the headline in the last Coal Industry News questioning whether the project could resurrect itself like the mythical bird, the Phoenix.

The project may well need more than wings and the prayers of its supporters to survive, judging from developments over the past two weeks.

In two days of conferences at Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) headquarters here—all but two hours of which were held behind closed doors at Solomon's request—several new, unexpected and possibly fatal factors emerged.

The four intervenors who successfully brought suit last year to

overturn FERC's original approval for the Great Plains plant and its financing plan were very much in evidence at the hearings on February 10 and 11.

But the tone of the comments heard from the New York Commission, Ohio Consumer's Counsel, State of Michigan, and General Motors Corporation has changed dramatically.

During the appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, as during the FERC ad-

ministrative hearings previously, the intervenors concentrated on the

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FACTS & FIGURES

STEAM COAL (521.3120) EXPORTS FOR DEC. 1980 (CONT.)

Destination	STN	\$
Canada	2,020	96,301
"	1,751	85,096
"	216	8,680
"	1,553	83,812
"	852,379	34,283,729
"	857,919	34,557,618
Mexico	2,046	95,891
"	1,266	59,874
"	44	1,758
"	664	54,091
"	4,020	211,614
Chile	21,760	752,329
"	73,235	7,628,319
"	94,995	3,380,648
Argentina	93	3,724
Finland	31,975	1,290,843
"	26,666	1,639,950
"	58,641	2,930,793
Denmark	70,363	4,55,467
"	62,390	3,905,370
"	125,766	5,450,466
"	258,519	11,811,303
Ireland	12,227	774,672
United Kingdom	32,992	1,186,723
"	44,439	3,017,149
"	77,431	4,203,872
Netherlands	287,604	11,806,124
"	44,384	1,730,992
"	331,988	13,537,116
Belgium	149,330	5,555,196
"	66,435	1,965,714
"	215,675	7,520,910
France	21,682	888,962
Fed. Rep. of Germany	176	7,056
"	78,045	3,763,500
"	78,221	3,770,556
Spain	53,193	2,006,579
Italy	27,058	962,260
"	99,901	3,809,286
"	43,293	1,822,361
"	104,692	4,915,750
"	274,944	11,509,657
Rep. of Korea	48,094	1,985,189
Taiwan	62,206	2,525,359
Japan	8,037	351,628
"	46,902	2,386,379
"	145,149	6,088,537
"	200,088	8,826,544
Tot. Steam Coal Exports	2,828,063	116,827,356

ANTHRACITE COAL (521.3170) EXPORTS FOR DECEMBER 1980

Canada	606	36,015
"	4,213	260,440
"	75	5,625
"	54	4,687
"	75	4,470
"	5,023	311,237
Mexico	711	96,764
"	141	8,276
"	852	105,040
Venezuela	3,027	231,831
"	8	1,774
"	3,035	233,605
Brazil	4,774	360,452
Rep. of Korea	32,158	1,027,924
Japan	4,158	395,057
"	5,413	1,089,376
"	9,571	1,484,433
Australia	14	3,093
"	1,223	284,042
"	1,237	287,135
Total	56,650	3,769,826

Export
Customs District
Ogdensburg, N.Y.
Buffalo, N.Y.
Detroit, Mich.
Pembina, N.Dak.
Cleveland, Ohio

Laredo, Tex.
El Paso, Tex.
Philadelphia, Pa.
New Orleans, La.
Philadelphia, Pa.
New York, N.Y.
Philadelphia, Pa.
New Orleans, La.
Philadelphia, Pa.
Los Angeles, Calif.

METALLURGICAL COAL (521.3110) EXPORTS FOR DECEMBER 1980

Destination	STN	\$	EXPORT Customs District
Canada	3,036	116,964	Buffalo, N.Y.
"	21	2,596	Detroit, Mich.
"	388,220	22,814,832	Cleveland, Ohio
"	391,277	22,734,392	
Mexico	447	22,781	Laredo, Tex.
Brazil	342,115	18,767,166	Norfolk, Va.
"	23,686	1,171,090	New Orleans, La.
"	365,801	19,938,256	
Argentina	55,148	2,782,173	Norfolk, Va.
Sweden	36,656	1,873,718	Norfolk, Va.
United Kingdom	63,082	3,435,103	Norfolk, Va.
Ireland	29,615	1,778,127	Norfolk, Va.
Netherlands	43,331	1,644,274	Philadelphia, Pa.
"	136,855	7,289,618	Norfolk, Va.
"	180,186	8,933,892	
Belgium	61,887	3,870,638	Baltimore, Md.
"	132,123	6,366,022	Norfolk, Va.
"	69,386	3,949,849	Mobile, Ala.
"	681	46,424	New Orleans, La.
"	264,082	14,232,933	
France	38,780	1,526,976	Philadelphia, Pa.
"	109,917	5,675,480	Norfolk, Va.
"	148,697	7,202,456	
Fed. Rep. of Germany	191,400	10,316,002	Norfolk, Va.
Switzerland	20,767	959,118	Norfolk, Va.
Spain	118,056	5,854,012	Norfolk, Va.
"	31,271	1,503,573	Mobile, Ala.
"	149,327	7,357,585	
Portugal	79,475	4,254,340	Norfolk, Va.
"	14,330	827,618	Mobile, Ala.
"	93,805	5,181,958	
Gibraltar	32,546	1,687,207	Norfolk, Va.
Italy	471,176	25,328,880	Norfolk, Va.
Yugoslavia	29,689	1,403,970	Norfolk, Va.
Romania	71,221	2,981,618	Norfolk, Va.
Turkey	68,458	3,567,920	Norfolk, Va.
Algeria	118,664	6,130,969	Norfolk, Va.
Japan	498,511	27,348,418	Baltimore, Md.
"	1,688,424	93,380,185	Norfolk, Va.
"	65,824	3,924,089	Mobile, Ala.
"	153,570	9,451,367	New Orleans, La.
"	63,278	2,698,032	Los Angeles, Calif.
"	2,469,607	136,802,091	
Egypt	89,622	5,760,453	Baltimore, Md.
Tot. Met. Coal Exports	5,341,253	291,111,602	

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COAL INDUSTRY NEWS, Monday, February 23, 1981

WEEK ENDED				Washington			Western district			Other industrial		
2/7/81	1/31/81	2/9/81		85	75	95	85	75	95	185	125	134
Production				Wyoming			Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe			Total		
Bituminous, recent week	16,105	17,135	14,305	Total, western			21,817			4,869		
Bituminous, year to date	82,260	66,155	77,540	Total, United States			14,805			4,648		
Anthracite, recent week	138	130	80	In short tons (000)			249			609		
Anthracite, year to date	430	244	507	Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy, Energy Information Administration - Weekly Coal Report.			4,108			2,809		
Railroad carloadings				Coal Labor			Missouri-Kansas-Texas			Coal User Production		
Bituminous, recent week	111,079	118,144	94,843	All employees			Missouri Pacific			Major direct users:		
Bituminous, year to date	567,284	456,205	527,316	Coal mining			Chicago, Rock Is. & Pacific			Electric utilities		
Anthracite, recent week	190	186	242	Bituminous & lignite			St. Louis-San Francisco			(Mil. Kwh., 2/7/81)		
Anthracite, year to date	999	809	2,134	Production employees			Soo Line			Steel (Short tons, thousands, week ended, 2/7/81)		
Production data in thousands of short tons.				Coal mining			Union Pacific			Cement, Portland, U.S. shipments (short tons, Nov. 1980)		
Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy, Energy Information Administration - Weekly Coal Reports.				Bituminous & lignite			Other, western district			Other significant output:		
				Hours, weekly average			Total, western district			Aluminum (short tons, 12/80)		
				Coal mining			Total, all districts			Passenger car production, total (week ended, 2/7/81)		
				Bituminous & lignite			Transportation: inland rivers			Machine tools:		
				Earnings, hourly average			Monongahela River, Lock no. 3			Net new orders (\$000, 12/80)		
				Coal mining			Allegheny River, Lock no. 2			Shipments (\$000, 12/80)		
				Bituminous & lignite			Ohio River, Montgomery Lock			Price indexes		
				Earnings, weekly average			In short tons through locks, Source: U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District.			12/80		
				Coal mining			11/80			11/80		
				Bituminous & lignite			10/80			12/79		
				Earnings, weekly average			11/79					
				Coal mining			Consumption					
				Bituminous & lignite			Electric power utilities					
				Source: U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics - Employment and Earnings.			Coke plants					
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NOTED BRIEFLY

Westmoreland Coal has reached an agreement to sell Israel Electric up to 20.7-million metric tons of coal over 30 years, beginning 1982. Terms were not disclosed since the Israeli company is negotiating other contracts and did not want details announced. Prices are subject to cost escalation provisions. Annual shipments will start at about 300,000 metric tons, climbing to 550,000 metric tons in 1985-86.

Gulf Interstate Terminals has been set up as a subsidiary of Gulf Interstate to develop a coal-exporting facility on Radio Island at Morehead City, N.C. Cost is estimated at between \$60- and \$70-million. It is expected to begin shipping in early 1984 and will have a capacity of 15- to 20-million tons a year.

Consolidation Coal is looking into the feasibility of mining 4-million tons of anthracite a year for a consortium of utilities. The company has taken an option to lease 3,500 acres in Schuylkill County, Pa., and may establish a surface mine. Participants in the plan are: Reading Anthracite, Allegheny Electric, Philadelphia Electric and Pennsylvania Power & Light. If the mine proves feasible, the utilities would build as many as 6 power generating unit of 400 to 600 megawatts each over 15 years.

Southern Company has agreed to provide up to 1.4-million kilowatts of coal-fired generating capacity a year to Florida Power & Light and Jacksonville Electric Authority. Most of the capacity will come from Georgia Power's Scherer plant near Forsyth, Ga., and Gulf Power's Daniel plant in Jackson County, Miss.

Boston Edison stockholders will be asked to approve at the annual meeting on April 21 a plan by which Boston Industries would be established as a holding company for the utility. The stockholders would exchange their shares for shares of the new company that would look to diversify into other energy fields, including gas and oil exploration. The proposal must be approved by the SEC and the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities.

Orange & Rockland Utilities' plan for accelerating environmental approvals for conversion of two units of its Lovett generating station to coal appears to have become sidetracked in bureaucratic red tape. More than

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Blasts ICC Coal Rate Guidelines:

DOT Says Proposal 'Doomed to Fail'

By PAUL FEINE

WASHINGTON — The Interstate Commerce Commission's efforts to establish rail rate guidelines for the transportation of coal throughout the country is "doomed to fail," the Department of Transportation said last week, as DOT filed a formal petition with the ICC urging the regulatory body to abandon its proceeding investigating rail rates for coal.

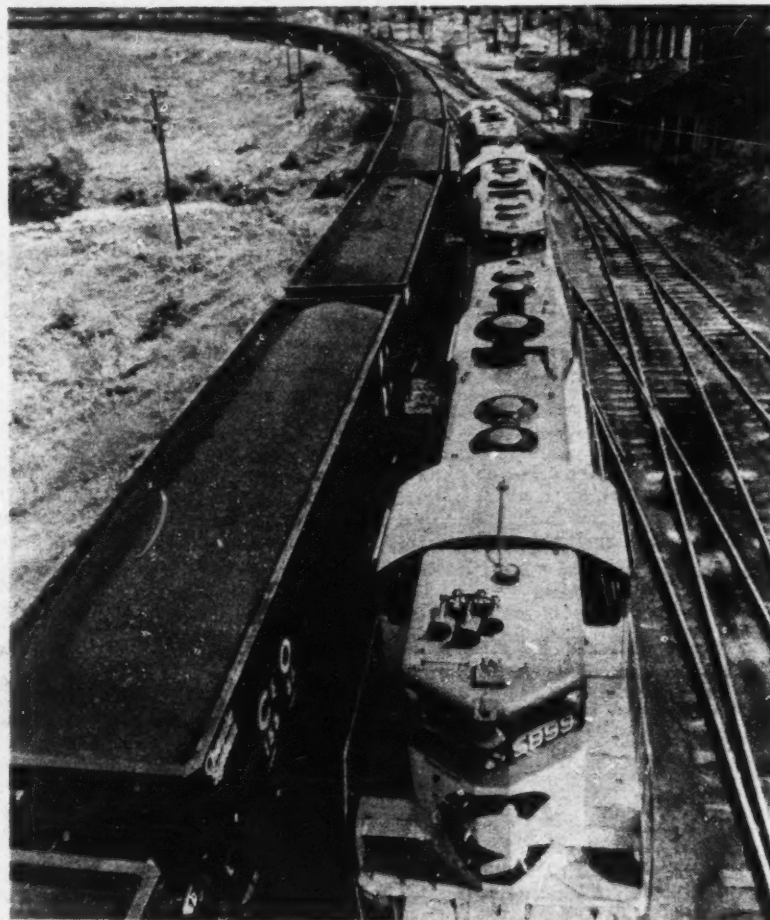
In May, 1978, the ICC opened an investigation into rate guidelines for transportation of large Western coal volumes, but in November of last year, it extended the investigation to cover all nationwide movements of coal by rail.

This action, DOT said in its petition, "is unnecessary and inappropriate under the present regulatory environment in light of the Staggers Rail Act of 1980."

The Department questioned the Commission's assertion of jurisdiction in the issue, saying "the Commission cannot justify the need for guideline for coal rates on the basis of presumption that railroads will have market dominance on many or most coal movements. We believe that rigid criteria necessarily over-simplify the issues that must be resolved to determine whether or not a particular proposed rate is reasonable."

The basic thrust of the DOT objections to the existing ICC proceeding is that the rules required under the Staggers Act relating to market dominance, ratemaking flexibility, and revenue adequacy are not even close to being issued yet, and that any attempt by the ICC to mandate rail rate guidelines for coal shipment now is premature.

In keeping with the Reagan Administration commitment to less regulatory presence and more dependence on private sector free-market actions, the DOT petition urged that railroads be "given a chance to adapt to the new regulatory en-



UNIT COAL TRAINS, like this one leaving a West Virginia mine, are focus of attention on ICC efforts to set rail rate guidelines, a move DOT says is "doomed to fail."

vironment engendered by the Staggers Act and ... encouraged to develop innovative approaches to ratemaking."

DOT's petition alleged that the ICC effort to impose separate "standards of

reasonableness" for coal rates is inconsistent with the goals of the Administration because it would "reduce flexibility in ratemaking and impose needless

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Our New Look . . .

WITH THIS issue of Coal Industry News, we've acquired a new look and a more newsy editorial product — to make this newspaper even better and its title as Coal's National Newspaper even more deserved.

Of course, it takes more than a new type face and format to change a publication. We have many other changes in the works, both in expanded coverage of breaking news and in broader examinations of issues affecting the industry.

Finally, we recognize that changing the physical appearance of a newspaper is relatively uncomplicated. The heart and soul of a newspaper is that which appears in type — the content of the stories and special articles. We are committed to excellence in that most important task, as well.

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National Coal Board To Slash Output of British Coal Mines

By ROBERT E. BEDINGFIELD

LONDON — Because of falling demand for coal and the general recession plaguing Great Britain, the National Coal Board has determined it currently has no alternative but to reduce output of the state-owned coal mines.

At a recent meeting with the national executives of the mining unions the Coal Board's chairman, Sir Derek Ezra, said that the NCB is making "great efforts" to achieve sales of at least 120-million tons of coal in fiscal 1980/81. But he warned it is unlikely "because of the nature of the recession" that the NCB will be able to avoid stockpiling more than 8-million tons of coal. This will lift the Government's undistributed stocks to over 20-million tons and total stocks, including those held by customers to 37-million tons, a record in relation to total sales.

"We cannot contemplate continuing to add to stocks at this rate," said Sir Derek. "We should rapidly reach real physical limits in many areas and the financial burden would be insupportable."

Sir Derek outlined a plan to increase the output of long-life pits and open-cast mines, but to reduce capacity of collieries where realistic reserves have been exhausted or where, for geological or other reasons, cannot be operated profitably.

"The general economic situation" the chairman warned limits the NCB in further raising coal prices "even in line with general inflation." Action to make further savings, he said, "must now include the eliminating of high cost capacity and the restructuring of administrative services."

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Domestic

WEEK ENDED				Washington			110			105			98		
				2/21/81			2/14/81			2/23/80					
Production				18,240			16,520			16,075					
Bituminous, recent week				117,020			98,780			113,370					
Tituminous, year to date				145			125			85					
Anthracite, recent week				700			555			659					
Anthracite, year to date															
Railroad carloadings				125,822			133,925			106,925					
Bituminous, recent week				807,031			681,209			796,779					
Bituminous, year to date				306			142			298					
Anthracite, recent week				1,447			1,141			2,635					
Anthracite, year to date															
Production data in thousands of short tons.															
Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy, Energy Information Administration - Weekly Coal Reports.															
Production by states, bituminous and lignite				1/24/81			1/17/81			1/26/80					
Eastern															
Alabama				490			495			562					
Georgia				2			1			10					
Illinois				1,450			1,115			1,363					
Indiana				540			485			501					
Kentucky:															
Eastern				2,060			2,025			1,783					
Western				950			915			750					
Total, Ky.				3,010			2,940			2,533					
Maryland				120			55			61					
Ohio				840			725			735					
Pennsylvania				1,680			1,595			1,843					
Tennessee				220			175			197					
Virginia				925			990			826					
West Virginia				2,275			1,910			2,005					
Total, eastern				11,552			10,486			10,636					
Western															
Alaska				20			10			15					
Arizona				240			265			243					
Arkansas				16			15			10					
Colorado				390			340			440					
Iowa				10			8			11					
Kansas				12			6			11					
Missouri				140			125			106					
Montana				610			775			1,052					
New Mexico				310			260			304					
North Dakota				325			225			334					
Oklahoma				95			115			106					
Texas				480			425			355					
Utah				270			260			289					
Washington															
Wyoming				1,620			1,545			1,230					
Total, western				4,648			4,479			4,604					
Total, United States				16,200			14,965			15,240					
In short tons (000).															
Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy, Energy Information Administration - Weekly Coal Report.															
Coal Labor				12/80			11/80			12/79					
All employees				264.0			265.9			264.1					
Coal mining				260.7			262.6			260.9					
Production employees				217.9			220.1			219.3					
Coal mining				214.9			217.1			216.7					
Hours, weekly average				41.0			40.2			41.6					
Coal mining				41.0			40.2			41.6					
Earnings, hourly average				11.13			11.21			10.34					
Coal mining				11.16			11.24			10.37					
Earnings, weekly average				456.33			450.64			430.14					
Coal mining				457.56			451.85			431.39					
Bituminous & lignite															
Source: U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics - Employment and Earnings.															
Transportation: railroad				2/14/81			2/7/81			2/16/80					
Eastern district															
Bessemer and Lake Erie				1,092			1,288			1,782					
Baltimore and Ohio				7,433			6,980			4,147					
Chesapeake and Ohio				14,075			14,828			9,830					
Consolidated Rail Corp.				7,910			7,959			7,615					
Norfolk and Western				18,259			17,887			16,219					
Pittsburgh & Lake Erie				117			106			375					
Western Maryland				1,784			1,411			806					
Other, eastern district				371			356			12					
Total, eastern-district				51,041			50,815			40,786					
Southern district															
Clinchfield Railroad				1,947			2,414			1,982					
Illinois Central Gulf				4,135			3,592			3,521					
Louisville & Nashville				14,123			12,750			11,846					
Southern Railway				7,832			7,604			8,235					
Other, southern district				2			1			3					
Total, southern district				28,039			26,361			25,587					
Western district															
Altchison, Topeka & Santa Fe				1,683			1,512			1,478					
Burlington Northern				20,580			19,890			18,277					
Chicago & North Western				170			244			570					
Denver & Rio Grande Western				4,177			3,818			3,494					
Kansas City Southern				101			99			102					
Chicago, Mil., St. Paul & Pacific				885			940			1,382					
Missouri-Kansas-Texas				96			42			77					
Missouri Pacific				3,799			4,106			3,596					
Chicago, Rock Is. & Pacific				—			—			121					
St. Louis-San Francisco				—			—			753					
Soo Line				64			82			164					
Union Pacific				3,239			3,127			4,145					
Other, western district				51			44			1					
Total, western district				34,845			33,904			34,160					
Total, all districts				113,925			111,080			100,533					
Transportation: inland rivers				2/21/81			2/14/81			2/23/80					
Monongahela River, Lock 3				354,656			384,836			380,304					
Allegheny River, Lock 2				11,700			15,300			48,900					
Ohio River, Montgomery Lock				277,900			412,300			216,500					
In short tons through locks.															
Source: U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District.															
Bituminous and lignite Consumption				12/80			11/80			12/79					
Electric power utilities				51,068			45,642			46,979					
Coke plants				5,335			5,142			6,405					
Other industrial				6,000			5,800			6,718					
Residential and commercial				1,000			750			875					
Total				63,403			57,334			60,977					
Coal user stocks of coal															
Electric power utilities				178,269			179,472			156,440					
Coke plants				9,017			8,563			10,028					
Other industrial				11,000			11,000			11,632					
Total				198,286			199,035			178,100					
Anthracite Consumption															
Electric power utilities				89			56			96					
Coke plants				11			9			22					
Other industrial				75			75			48					
Residential and commercial				150			150			120					
Total				325			290			286					
Coal user stocks of coal															
Electric power utilities				4,741			4,661			3,274					
Coke plants				50			43			127					
Other industrial															
Total				4,791			4,704			3,401					
Other industrial															
Total				4,956			4,859			3,546					
Note: Data given in thousands of short tons.															
Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy, Energy Information Administration - Weekly Coal Report.															
Recast Previous Year Ago															
Coal User Production															
Major direct users:															
Electric utilities (Mil. Kwh., week ended 2/21/80)				42,136			47,616			44,076					
Steel (Short tons, thousands week ended 2/21/81)				2,474			2,400			2,443					
Cement, Portland, U.S. shipments (short tons, 11/80)				5,761,768			7,809,185			6,657,090					
Other significant output:															
Aluminum (short tons, 1/81)				445,127			438,929			430,924					
Motor vehicle production, total (week ended 2/21/81)				129,204			95,636			157,570					
Machine tools:															
Net new orders (\$000, 1/81)				279,600			299,150			466,900					
Shipments (\$000, 1/81)				404,250			463,300			330,700					
Price indexes				1/81			12/80			1/80					
Coal				477.5			475.7			458.1					
Anthracite				508.7			497.9			435.1					
Chestnut, Pa., mine				N.A.			435.3			389.4					
Buckwheat No. 1, Pa., mine				N.A.			554.9			495.8					
Bituminous				475.7			474.1			457.9					
Domestic sizes				587.6			587.3			577.6					
Retail dealers				278.0			277.8			273.3					
Industrial sizes, spot				397.0			396.4			390.9					
Steam electric utility				120.8			120.3			118.8					
Manufacturing				251.9			251.9			249.3					
Metallurgical, high volatile				704.2			704.2			690.9					
Metallurgical, low & medium volatile				712.7			710.4			705.0					
Industrial sizes, contract				135.7			135.2			129.8					
Steam electric utility				165.6			164.6			153.9					
Manufacturing				120.2			120.2			118.1					
Metallurgical, high volatile				99.0			99.0			99.4					
Coke (foundry by-product)				430.6			430.6			430.6					
Birmingham, Ala.				439.6			439.6			439.6					
Milwaukee, Wis.				420.4			420.4			420.4					
Detroit, Mich.				N.A.			N.A.			423.1					
Indianapolis, Ind.				437.7			437.7			437.7					
St. Louis, Missouri				286.8			286.8			286.8					
Philadelphia, Penna.				285.8			285.8			285.8					
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STEAM COAL (521.3120) EXPORTS FOR DEC. 1980 (CONT.)

Destination	STN	\$
Canada	2,020	96,301
"	1,751	85,096
"	216	8,680
"	1,553	83,812
"	852,379	34,283,729
"	857,919	34,557,618
Mexico	2,046	95,891
"	1,266	59,874
"	44	1,758
"	664	54,091
"	4,020	211,614
Chile	21,760	752,329
"	73,235	7,628,319
"	94,995	3,380,648
Argentina	93	3,724
Finland	31,975	1,290,243
"	26,666	1,639,950
"	58,641	2,930,793
Denmark	70,363	4,55,467
"	62,390	3,905,370
"	125,766	5,450,466
"	258,519	11,811,303
Ireland	12,227	774,672
United Kingdom	32,992	1,186,723
"	44,439	3,017,149
"	77,431	4,203,872
Netherlands	287,604	11,806,124
"	44,384	1,730,992
"	331,988	13,537,116
Belgium	149,330	5,555,196
"	66,435	1,965,714
"	215,675	7,520,910
France	21,682	888,962
Fed. Rep. of Germany	176	7,056
"	78,045	3,763,500
"	78,221	3,770,556
Spain	53,193	2,006,579
Italy	27,058	982,280
"	98,901	3,809,286
"	43,293	1,822,361
"	104,692	4,915,750
"	274,944	11,509,057
Rep. of Korea	48,094	1,985,189
Taiwan	62,206	2,525,359
Japan	8,037	351,628
"	46,902	2,386,379
"	145,149	6,088,537
"	200,088	8,826,544
Tot. Steam Coal Exports	2,828,083	116,827,356

Export Customs District

Ogdensburg, N.Y.
Buffalo, N.Y.
Detroit, Mich.
Pembina, N.Dak.
Cleveland, Ohio

Laredo, Tex.
El Paso, Tex.
San Diego, Calif.
Nogales, Ariz.

Philadelphia, Pa.
New Orleans, La.

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New Orleans, La.
Los Angeles, Calif.

METALLURGICAL COAL (521.3110) EXPORTS FOR DECEMBER 1980

Destination	STN	\$	EXPORT Customs District
Canada	3,036	116,964	Buffalo, N.Y.
"	21	2,596	Detroit, Mich.
"	386,220	22,614,832	Cleveland, Ohio
"	391,277	22,734,392	
Mexico	447	22,781	Laredo, Tex.
Brazil	342,115	18,767,166	Norfolk, Va.
"	23,686	1,171,090	New Orleans, La.
"	365,801	19,938,256	
Argentina	55,148	2,782,173	Norfolk, Va.
Sweden	36,656	1,873,718	Norfolk, Va.
United Kingdom	63,082	3,435,103	Norfolk, Va.
Ireland	29,615	1,778,127	Norfolk, Va.
Netherlands	43,331	1,644,274	Philadelphia, Pa.
"	136,855	7,289,618	Norfolk, Va.
"	180,186	8,933,892	
Belgium	61,887	3,870,638	Baltimore, Md.
"	132,123	6,366,022	Norfolk, Va.
"	69,386	3,949,849	Mobile, Ala.
"	681	46,424	New Orleans, La.
"	264,082	14,232,933	
France	38,780	1,526,976	Philadelphia, Pa.
"	109,917	5,675,480	Norfolk, Va.
"	148,697	7,202,456	
Fed. Rep. of Germany	191,400	10,316,032	Norfolk, Va.
Switzerland	20,767	959,118	Norfolk, Va.
Spain	118,056	5,854,012	Norfolk, Va.
"	31,271	1,503,573	Mobile, Ala.
"	149,327	7,357,585	
Portugal	79,475	4,254,340	Norfolk, Va.
"	14,330	927,618	Mobile, Ala.
"	93,805	5,181,958	
Gibraltar	32,546	1,687,207	Norfolk, Va.
Italy	471,176	25,328,860	Norfolk, Va.
Yugoslavia	29,689	1,403,970	Norfolk, Va.
Romania	71,221	3,681,618	Norfolk, Va.
Turkey	68,458	3,567,920	Norfolk, Va.
Algeria	116,664	6,130,989	Norfolk, Va.
Japan	498,511	27,348,418	Baltimore, Md.
"	1,895,424	93,380,185	Norfolk, Va.
"	65,824	3,924,089	Mobile, Ala.
"	153,570	9,451,367	New Orleans, La.
"	63,278	2,698,032	Los Angeles, Calif.
"	2,469,607	136,802,091	
Egypt	89,622	5,760,453	Baltimore, Md.
Tot. Met. Coal Exports	5,341,253	291,111,602	

ANTHRACITE COAL (521.3170) EXPORTS FOR DECEMBER 1980

Destination	STN	\$
Canada	606	36,015
"	4,213	260,440
"	75	5,625
"	54	4,687
"	75	4,470
"	5,023	311,237
Mexico	711	96,764
"	141	8,276
"	852	105,040
Venezuela	3,027	231,831
"	8	1,774
"	3,035	233,605
Brazil	4,774	360,452
Rep. of Korea	32,158	1,027,924
Japan	4,158	395,057
"	5,413	1,069,376
"	9,571	1,464,433
Australia	14	3,093
"	1,223	284,042
"	1,237	287,135
Total	56,850	3,789,826

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NEWS ROUNDUP

Coal properties figured heavily in recent corporate news. Quite unexpectedly, the agreement by which Standard Oil (Ohio) was to have paid U.S. Steel some \$750-million for 800-million tons of coal reserves and three operating mines was cancelled. No reason was given, other than the fact that the actual selling price could not be agreed upon. U.S. Steel indicated it still intended to sell its "surplus properties" but not for "less than their full market potential." David M. Roderick, chairman, said termination of the deal would not affect the steelmaker's planned \$1.2-billion capital spending program.

The newly-formed partnership of affiliates of W.R. Grace, Hanna Mining and Liberty Capital Group paid \$51.85-million in cash for Barber Paramont, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Barber Oil. Barber Paramont, located near Norton, Wise County, Va., mines and sells about two-million tons of low-sulfur steam and metallurgical coal a year and controls leases with more than 40-million tons of reserves. The new owners indicated they planned major improvements on the property, including equipment replacement and development of new mines. Subsidiaries of Grace and Hanna each hold a 47.5 percent interest in the partnership, with an affiliate of Liberty owning the remaining 5 percent.

Standard Oil (California) and Conoco have reached an agreement to exchange coal and oil shale reserves. Upon completion, the two would probably enter into joint operating ventures. Standard would exchange 1.35-billion barrels of shale oil in place for about 650-million tons of coal owned by Conoco. The coal interests involve 90,000 acres at Hillsboro, Ill., that are not being mined, plus a 50 percent interest in CX Ranch and Otter Creek properties in the Powder River Basin. California Standard's oil shale comprises a 30 percent interest in Chevron Shale Oil's property at Clear Creek, North of Grand Junction, Colo.

Gulf Oil has agreed to buy Kemmerer Coal for \$325-million. Kemmerer, which began operations in 1897 in Southeastern Wyoming, produced last year 4.3-million tons of coal from a large open pit mine near Kemmerer, Wyo. It also has a 50 percent interest in an underground mine at Emery, Utah, which produced 800,000 tons and has 93,000 net acres of owned and leased land in the two states and Colorado with extensive coal reserves. Closing is expected by the end of April. The resultant company from the merger of Kemmerer into Gulf's Pittsburgh and Midway would become the nation's 10th largest coal company.

Combustion Engineering has received three contracts valued at \$50-million for supplying steam generators to three Spanish utilities. Shipments are to begin by the end of June.

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Negotiations Broken Off

Strike Outlook: Only Remaining Question Is Walkout's Duration



STRIKE INEVITABLE? UMW president Sam Church, Jr., looked dejected after he left the negotiating table and ordered his 41-member bargaining council to return to the coal fields until talks with BCOA may be reconvened.

By PAUL FEINE

WASHINGTON — The coal industry appears once again headed for its triennial madness — a strike of the 160,000 members in the Eastern half of the nation.

At press time, negotiations between the United Mine Workers of America and the Bituminous Coal Operators Association had been broken off since Tuesday night and no new meetings were scheduled. The only remaining question seemed to be the duration of the strike.

The existing contract covering most of the industry's coal miners does not expire until 12:01 A.M. March 27, but because of complicated ratification procedures, both sides acknowledged that it would take 10 days to secure ratification for any agreement that was reached between the bargaining groups.

Last Wednesday some 4,000 mine workers in parts of West Virginia, Virginia, Ohio and Alabama walked off their jobs in an apparent mix-up over the start of the expected strike. Another 6,000 workers in Pennsylvania were idled by a wildcat strike that stemmed from the firing of 6 UMW members at a U.S. Steel mine.

Many of those who walked off their jobs on that day reportedly returned to work Thursday morning, but there were no assurances that they would stay at work.

B.R. Brown, Consol president and chief negotiator for BCOA, returned to Pittsburgh from Washington after the talks failed and there were no plans for him to return to the nation's capitol at press time. A Consol spokesman indicated Brown was ready to move at a moment's notice.

About the only point on which there was general consensus late last week was the fact that while there remain several important points to be resolved in the contract talks, one issue — company pension plans for miners — is the paramount element separating the two sides.

For UMW president Sam Church, Jr., the issue boils down to his union's survival

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'Watchdog' Report Reveals 26% Coal Productivity Drop

WASHINGTON — Labor-management relations and stricter enforcement by Washington of safety rules and by states of surface mining laws caused U.S. coal productivity to fall 26 percent since 1969 after increasing threefold during the previous 22 years.

That's the conclusion of the General Accounting Office, the congressional "watchdog" in a new report, "Low Productivity in American Coal Mining: Causes and Cures."

Productivity in underground mines has dropped 43 percent since 1969; while surface mine productivity remained constant until 1974 when it began to fall, declining 29 percent by 1979, according to the GAO.

It said the underground productivity drop was closely tied to "the reduced quality of labor-management relations, especially after 1973 and the 1974 union contract requirements calling for helpers on mine-face equipment. While definitive results on the past effect of absenteeism were not obtainable, it seems to have a negative influence on productivity."

Mine Safety and Health Administration regulation was a primary cause of underground productivity decline between

1970 and 1973, but became less important until it was no longer a factor by 1977.

"In surface mining, the enactment of strict state reclamation laws is largely responsible for the decline in productivity," it continued.

The GAO recommended work in three areas to reverse this productivity loss:

- To help labor and management improve communication and cooperation, the Secretary of Labor should direct his agency's Labor-Service Administration to train coal management and labor in effective discussion and grievance handling.

- While mining technology has not caused productivity to decline, it has not sufficiently advanced to offset losses due to other causes. The Energy Secretary should direct the Office of Coal Mining to increase research in areas with a high potential for raising productivity.

- Increased on-the-job safety training of both supervisors and workers could reduce nonfatal disabling injuries caused primarily by worker error. Congress should increase the minimum amount of on-the-job safety training, while the MSHA should analyze the impact of such a move.

INSIDE

A FIRST LOOK at the interior of a lump of coal as it's heated and gasified was recently taken by General Electric Researchers — with some interesting results. Story on page 3.

PORTS SHOULD GET the fast-track treatment, urges National Coal Association President Carl Bagge on page 7.

SLURRY'S HISTORY has primarily been a battle with railroads. But it also contains some interesting ironies. Gene Smith takes a closer look on page 11.

When Slurries Proved Efficiency, The Battle Was On

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COAL INDUSTRY NEWS, March 23, 1981

By GENE SMITH

Back in the Fifties, slurry pipelines proved that they could move coal from mine mouth to electric power plants efficiently and economically. In fact, they were so efficient and economical that the railroads were forced to come up with the unit train concept to win back lucrative contracts for hauling coal.

The battle has really never eased since that time, although it took the Arab oil embargo of 1973 to revive strong interest in slurry lines for transporting coal.

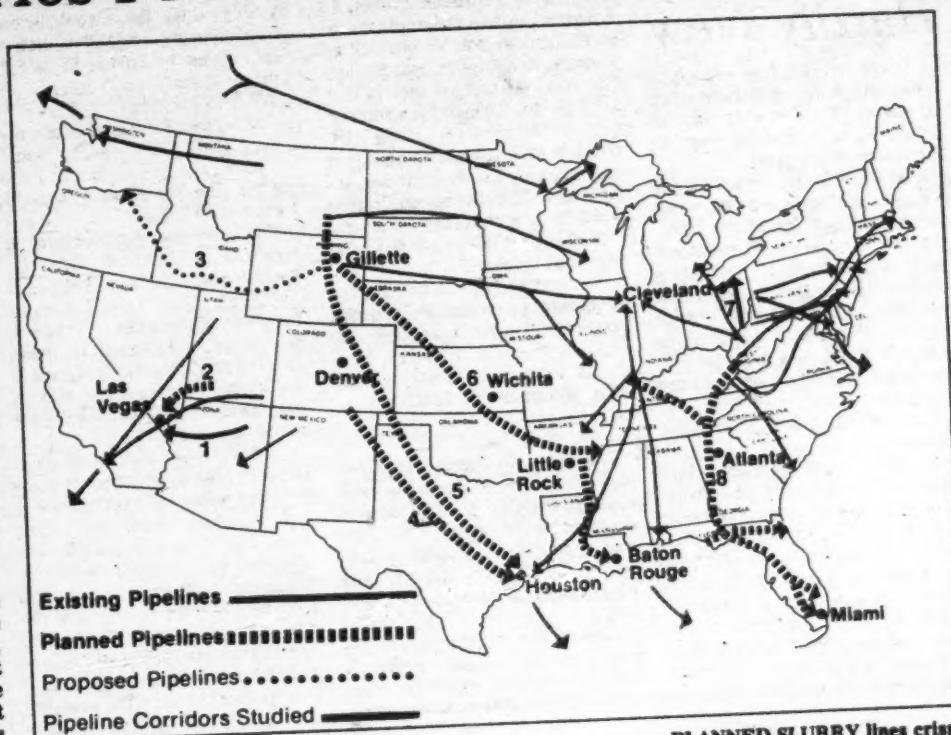
Today, there is only one coal pipeline operating — the Black Mesa Line that carries 4.8-million tons of slurried coal a year 273 miles from the Black Mesa mine in Northeast Arizona to the Mojave generating station in Southern Nevada at a cost of less than 1.5 cents per ton/mile.

Even more interesting is the fact that the line was built by the Southern Pacific Company, parent of the railroad, after it was determined that a rail route would be longer and could not compete economically. Railroads are the most vociferous opponents of slurry lines.

It is generally believed that the Reagan Administration is in favor of development of slurry lines, although no specific statement has been issued on the matter. Legislation is expected to be introduced into the present session of Congress that would give slurry lines the needed right of eminent domain for them to clear the way for the many proposed lines that have been announced already.

There is nothing new or experimental about coal slurry pipelines. The initial patent for one was issued in 1891. In 1955, after extensive engineering studies, Ford, Bacon & Davis was assigned responsibility by Consolidation Coal for engineering, design and construction of a 108-mile line from Cadiz to the Eastlake generating plant of Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company. This line required three pumping stations to move finely ground coal, suspended in water, from the mine in Southern Ohio to the generating station. The utility built the facilities for draining the water and drying the coal on the shores of Lake Erie.

The line was so successful that the railroads came up with the unit train concept in order to counteract this economical



Pipeline System	Length	Annual Capacity
1. Black Mesa Pipeline	273 miles	4,800,000 tons
2. Alton Pipeline	183 miles	11,600,000 tons
3. Gulf Interstate-Northwest Pipeline	1,100 miles	10,000,000 tons
4. San Marco Pipeline	900 miles	15,000,000 tons
5. Wytex Pipeline	1,260 miles	22,000,000 tons
6. ETSI Pipeline	1,378 miles	25,000,000 tons
7. Ohio Pipeline	108 miles	1,300,000 tons
8. Florida Pipeline	1,500 miles	15-45,000,000 tons

means of transporting coal and the line was abandoned in 1963. It had delivered more than 7-million tons of coal and the technique was proven.

The second commercial coal slurry line is Black Mesa, which began operating in 1970 and has established a reliability rating of more than 99 percent. It transports 4.8-million tons of coal a year.

The industry's trade group — Slurry Transport Association — lists 9 pending slurry projects and reports that it hears of many others under discussion these days. The most recent is one planned by a new company, Powder River Pipeline of Great Falls,

Mont., that wants to build a 42-inch diameter slurry line 1,500 miles from Montana to Lake Michigan. Lateral lines would serve utilities near the lake and along the Mississippi River.

Sylvester Larkin, retired chairman of Minnesota Power & Light of Duluth, Minn., is president of the new company. He has been joined by the investment banking firm of Kidder, Peabody & Company and Michael Curran, president of Curran Oil of Great Falls, and his son, Michael F., president of Curran-Houston Pipeline, and Mustang Fuel of Oklahoma City. Northern States Power and Minnesota Power & Light are reportedly interested in

the project, but the route has not yet been identified.

The 9 known projects and their status at present are:

Allen-Warner Valley — 183 miles long with capacity of 11.6-million tons a year. This project is hanging fire in a battle over the coal mines that would be located near Bryce Canyon. It is a complete system of slurry line and generating plants.

Northwest Integrated Coal System (NICES) — 1,100 miles and annual capacity of 25-million tons. This, too, is pending, waiting approval for a synfuels plant that would take 10-million tons of coal annually. (See related story on Page 13.)

San Marco — 900 miles and 10-million tons a year. The main hang-up is approval of water rights in Colorado. One possible solution is the use of industrial water supplies.

Texas Eastern — 1,260 miles and 22-million tons of coal. Water supply is the main block. The Wyoming legislature approved the supply but it was vetoed by the governor and there does not appear to be enough votes to override the veto.

Energy Transport Systems, Inc. (ETSI) — 1,387 miles and 25-million tons a year. This is proceeding on schedule with a target for construction to begin in 1983 and operations two years later.

Continental — 1,500 miles and 25- to 55-million tons of coal a year. The line depends on Federal eminent domain rights, but preconstruction work is proceeding. Water would come from the Ohio River, but strong railroad opposition is indicated.

Pacific Bulk — 650 miles and 10-million tons. Tied in with the Federal Maritime Administration, the line would bring coal from Utah to the California Coast for export to Japan. A feasibility study was funded by the Federal government and additional funding is being sought for study of a gigantic bulk coal tanker class of vessels that would take the slurried coal from California to Japan, returning via Valdez, Alaska, where they would pick up oil and transport it to California in compliance with the Jones Act.

Virginia Electric & Power — 350 miles and 5-million tons of coal from Southwestern Virginia to power plants in the Eastern part of the state. Lack of eminent domain right in the state might force this line to be extended into West Virginia and Kentucky in order to secure Federal backing once that legislation is passed.

Ohio — The 108-mile Cadiz-Cleveland line is at present in mothballs but could be put back into service.

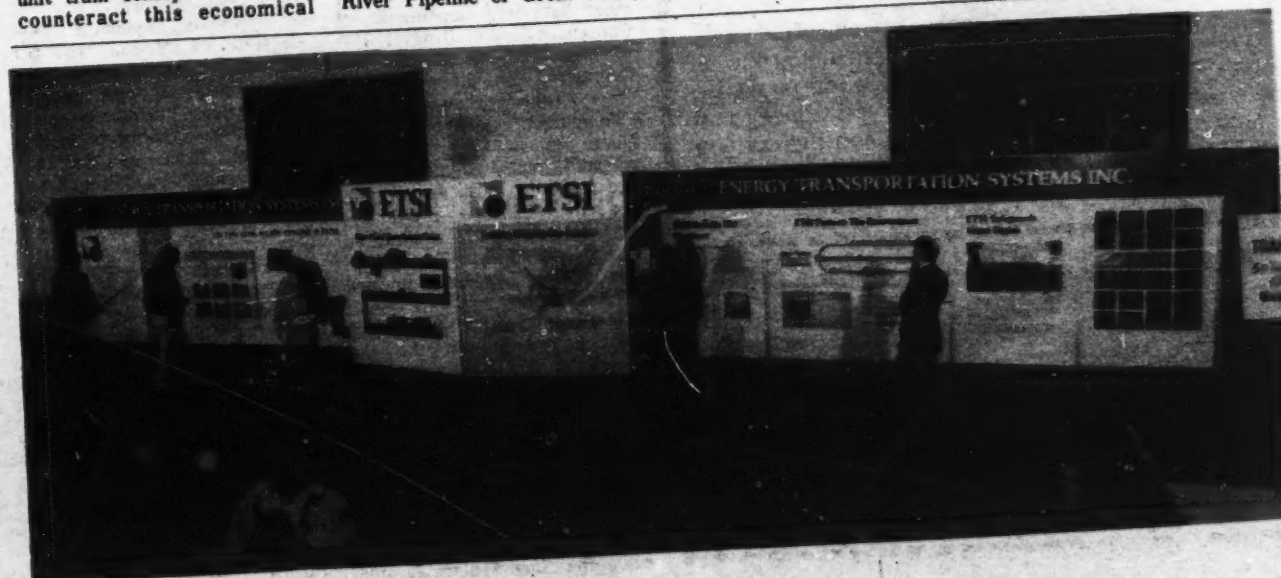
Proponents of slurry lines are working hard to secure needed support in Congress, despite continued strong opposition of the railroads and environmentalists. Sen. Malcolm Wallop, (Rep. Wyo.) recently issued a statement urging citizens of his state to "get the emotion out of the decision and use Wyoming's water to the ultimate benefit of Wyoming's people and its economy."

This was in support of the ETSI line and was made in conjunction with public hearings at Luck, Wyo., over the use of Wyoming water to transport Powder River Basin coal to power plants in Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana.

Senator Wallop pointed out that "it is no different to put up a steam generating plant that consumes water — it is just as gone as if you put it into a coal slurry

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50-FOOT traveling display by Energy Transportation Systems Inc. is making the rounds of shows explaining major aspects of coal slurry pipelines as well as details on ETSI's planned system from Wyoming to the Middle South.



Competition Between Rail, Slurry Lines Hardly New

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pipeline — and then transport that energy out of the state on a wire. They are both slurry pipelines, or they both employ the same concept of consumptive uses of water and the transport of an energy product elsewhere."

People seeking to prevent the use of local water as the transport agent for slurry lines are second to the railroads in their opposition to slurry lines. But scientists are working on alternatives that might do away with the need for using scarce water. W.R. Grace is looking into the use of methane from coal as a transport agent and Arthur D. Little is experimenting with liquefied carbon dioxide.

The carbon dioxide would be derived from the coal itself and would be in a liquid state under a pressure range that would be about the same as that for water in such a system. Little researchers indicate there would

be lower friction loss than with water and pumping stations could be placed 100 miles apart instead of the 50-mile spacing required for water slurry lines.

Last year the President's Commission on Coal listed three major advantages for slurry lines: the underground routes do not disrupt communities; operating costs are lower than for railroads despite the relatively large capital investment required to build the lines; and on a cost-per-ton basis, the pipelines are very competitive with railroads and the gap is widening in favor of the lines.

A DOE study prepared last year by ICF, Inc., said that operation of 11 slurry lines in addition to Black Mesa could save utilities and other coal consumers billions of dollars annually. It forecast that even under a modest scenario, coal customers would save between \$100-million to \$1.1-billion in 1995 if the 12 lines were

operating.

The prestigious WOCOL study directed by Professor Carroll L. Wilson of Massachusetts Institute of Technology pointed out that an increase in domestic coal production from 500-million metric tons in 1975 to 2,000-million metric tons by 2000 would require a combination of 9 new slurry pipelines and expanded rail facilities involving 1,400 new coal unit trains and 3,200 new conventional trains, plus 500 new coal barges and 9,400 new coal trucks.

This would tend to obviate the argument advanced by railroad spokesmen who fear that introduction of coal slurry lines would eventually destroy their near monopoly in hauling coal, particularly from the new Western coal fields.

National Economic Research Associates, in an economic and energy analysis of the planned Continental Resources 1,400-mile line from West Virginia, Kentucky and Ohio to Georgia and Florida estimated total savings to utility customers in those Southeastern states would be \$118.7-million in 1990, rising to between \$828.7- to \$1,779.3-million

in 2000. If coal used in coal/oil mixtures were also transported by slurry lines, there would be additional savings of \$21.2-million in 1990, rising to \$100.5- to \$215.7-million in 2000.

NERA concluded:

"In terms of national economic policy goals, these results would be counter-inflationary; and the higher the inflation rate, the larger the savings."

ETSI — the partnership of Bechtel, United Energy Resources, Kansas-Nebraska Natural Gas and Lehman Brothers Kuhn Loeb — reports that it is "continuing to make steady and substantial progress in its efforts to create the biggest coal slurry pipeline system ever conceived in the U.S."

To date, it has won all 65 court cases it filed to validate its right to cross under railroad tracks at key locations along the line's route. Four of the decisions were appealed to U.S. District Courts, which denied the appeals and the railroads elected not to take the cases to the Supreme Court. Two remaining appeals are still before the Oklahoma Supreme Court.

A spokesman for ETSI reported that the group either has state eminent domain rights, favorable court rulings or railroad concurrence in all of the 6 states through which the planned slurry line will pass. Non-railroad right-of-way acquisitions are proceeding with no major problems expected.

Wyoming's Department of Environmental Quality has issued state air pollution control permits for three slurry preparation

plants in the Powder River Basin.

ETSI recently upgraded its plans in line with expected accelerated demand for additional quantities of coal and is now considering a 42-inch diameter pipeline capable of transporting 37.4-million tons of coal a year. Originally, the line was to have been 38-inches in diameter with annual capacity of 25-million tons.

A different type of slurry system that is also attracting industry attention involves the use of slurry lines within the mines. Consolidation Coal has developed such a system at its Loveridge mine near Fairmont, W. Va. This line can carry coarse, four-inch coal from the mine face to the preparation plant. The coal comes from both longwall and continuous miners in different parts of the mine. The coal is crushed, mixed with water and fed as slurry into an 8-inch flexible rubber hose train mounted on wheels.

The mixture is transported into a steel pipeline that, in turn, carries the slurry mixture to a giant, steel-lined storage pit. From there it is pumped straight up 850 feet through a steel pipe to the surface where it travels 2.4 miles to the prep plant for processing before being shipped to utility customers in New England and Canada.

The new system, according to Consolidation Coal, presents a significant advance in mine safety, especially with the elimination of much moving equipment in the mines.

Includes Eminent Domain

Here's What Proposed Slurry Legislation Contains

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Even in the Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee, there may be some rough going for the bill. Senator John Danforth (R-Missouri) is the fourth-ranking member on the majority side of the committee, and the Missouri-Pacific railroad, a major factor in the Senator's home state, is one of the leading opponents of coal slurry pipelines.

On the House side, three committees are likely to share jurisdiction over the bill. Virtually all House legislative activity having anything to do with energy must have the imprimatur of Chairman John Dingell (D-Michigan) of the Energy and Commerce Committee.

Other Directions

In addition, it is likely that the House version of the bill will be referred jointly to the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, headed by Morris Udall (D-Arizona), and to the Committee on Public Works and Transportation, chaired by James Howard (D-New Jersey).

Two regions of the country that would be greatly affected by the success of efforts to expand coal slurry pipeline activity are Texas and the Pacific northwest states of Washington and Oregon. The proposed San Marco and Texas Eastern coal pipelines would have a combined capacity of delivering 32 million tons of coal annually to the Houston area, while the Northwest Integrated

Coal Energy System would carry 25 million tons from Wyoming to Portland, Oregon to support a 250 million Btu-per-day coal gasification plant and exports of 10 million tons of coal a year.

On the Senate Commerce Committee, none of the 17 members are from Texas, while two (including Chairman Packwood) are from the northwest states. On the Energy Committee, the same situation applies — none of the 20 members are from Texas, and two are from the Washington-Oregon corner of the nation. These two, however, are the second-ranking Republican, Mark Hatfield of Oregon, and the powerful ranking Democrat, Henry Jackson of Washington.

In the House, the 42 members of the Energy Committee include four from Texas, and one each from Washington and Oregon, and among the 46 Public Works members are one from Texas and none from the northwest.

The task facing the bill's supporters now, as in past efforts to pass similar legislation, is to convince sufficient numbers of Representatives and Senators that the public benefits of a new coal transportation system for the nation outweigh the arguments of those who have opposed slurry pipeline development in the past. Final resolution of the fate of the new proposed legislation is unlikely before late this year or early in the 1982 session of the 97th Congress.

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Domestic

Production	WEEK ENDED		
	3/7/81	2/28/81	3/1/80
Bituminous, recent	18,950	18,925	15,404
Bituminous, year to date	154,895	135,945	146,938
Anthracite, recent week	110	130	119
Anthracite, year to date	940	830	870

Bituminous, recent week	130,837	130,515	100,126
Bituminous, year to date	1,068,383	937,546	1,003,427
Anthracite, recent week	222	305	419
Anthracite, year to date	1,974	1,752	3,379

Production data in thousands of short tons.
Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy, Energy Information Administration - Weekly Coal Reports.

Production by states, bituminous and lignite	WEEK ENDED		
	2/7/81	1/31/81	2/9/80

Alabama	510	520	528
Georgia	2	2	10
Illinois	1,210	1,362	1,258
Indiana	540	600	471
Kentucky:			
Eastern	2,110	2,300	1,684
Western	850	950	782
Total, Ky.	2,960	3,250	2,466
Maryland	75	85	54
Ohio	690	785	727
Pennsylvania	1,690	1,750	1,720
Tennessee	210	250	193
Virginia	890	975	749
West Virginia	2,410	2,450	1,884
Total eastern	11,167	12,029	10,060
Western:			
Alaska	13	12	14
Arizona	240	260	235
Arkansas	10	12	10
Colorado	400	395	417
Iowa	11	12	10
Kansas	15	20	10
Missouri	90	110	97
Montana	595	675	777
New Mexico	305	325	291
North Dakota	315	320	320
Oklahoma	113	110	97
Texas	544	560	334
Utah	310	325	263

Washington	107	105	83
Wyoming	1,850	1,835	1,287
Total, western	4,918	5,076	4,245
Total, United States	16,105	17,105	14,305

In short tons (000).
Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy, Energy Information Administration - Weekly Coal Report.

Coal Labor	WEEK ENDED		
	1/81	12/80	1/80
All employees	267.5	264.0	262.7
Coal mining	264.2	260.7	259.5
Bituminous & lignite	220.9	217.9	218.4
Coal mining	217.9	214.9	215.5
Hours, weekly average	41.2	41.0	42.1
Coal mining	41.2	41.0	42.1
Bituminous & lignite	11.15	11.13	10.39
Coal mining	11.18	11.16	10.42
Earnings, hourly average	459.38	456.33	437.42
Coal mining	460.62	457.56	438.68
Bituminous & lignite	459.38	456.33	437.42
Coal mining	460.62	457.56	438.68

Source: U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics - Employment and Earnings.

Transportation: railroad Eastern district	WEEK ENDED		
	2/28/81	2/21/81	2/29/80
Bessemer and Lake Erie	1,328	1,302	1,606
Baltimore and Ohio	8,092	8,041	4,889
Chesapeake and Ohio	17,167	15,650	13,908
Consolidated Rail Corp.	8,450	9,188	7,726
ITC	192	—	—
Norfolk and Western	22,251	19,748	14,556
Pittsburgh & Lake Erie	153	182	309
Western Maryland	2,753	3,415	3,149
Other, eastern district	2	2	2
Total, eastern district	60,388	57,518	46,145
Southern district			
Clinchfield Railroad	2,447	2,225	1,722
Illinois Central Gulf	5,109	4,774	3,495
Louisville & Nashville	14,521	14,446	12,641
Southern Railway	8,744	7,832	7,601
Other, southern district	—	33	—
Total, southern district	30,821	29,310	25,459

Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe	1,716	1,871	1,421
Burlington Northern	23,155	22,592	17,894
Chicago & Northern Western	330	331	863
Denver & Rio Grande Western	4,142	4,632	3,045
Kansas City Southern	101	97	97
Chicago, Mil., St. Paul & Pacific	1,066	1,127	1,103
Missouri-Kansas-Texas	75	70	62
Missouri Pacific	5,290	4,943	4,270
Chicago, Rock Is. & Pacific	—	—	117
St. Louis-San Francisco	—	—	821
Soo Line	55	80	182
Union Pacific	3,321	3,191	4,214
Other, western district	55	61	29
Total, western district	39,306	38,995	34,918
Total, all districts	130,515	125,823	106,522

Transportation: inland rivers	WEEK ENDED		
	3/7/81	2/28/81	3/1/80
Monongahela River, Lock 3	368,742	358,072	299,196
Allegheny River, Lock 2	26,900	7,200	45,000
Ohio River, Montgomery Lock	343,388	315,700	176,900
In short tons through locks			

Source: U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District.

Consumption	WEEK ENDED		
	12/80	11/80	12/79
Electric power utilities	51,065	45,642	46,979
Coke plants	5,335	5,142	6,405
Other industrial	6,000	5,800	6,718
Residential and commercial	1,000	750	875
Total	63,403	57,334	60,977
Coal user stocks of coal			
Electric power utilities	178,269	179,472	156,440
Coke plants	9,017	8,563	10,028
Other industrial	11,000	11,000	11,632
Total	198,286	199,035	178,100
Anthracite			
Consumption			
Electric power utilities	89	56	96
Coke plants	11	9	22
Other industrial	75	75	48
Residential and commercial	150	150	120
Total	325	290	286
Coal user stocks of coal			
Electric power utilities	4,741	4,661	3,274

Coke plants	50	43	127
Other industrial	165	165	145
Total	4,956	4,869	3,546

Note: Data given in thousands of short tons.
Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy, Energy Information Administration - Weekly Coal Report.

Coal User Production	WEEK ENDED		
	Recent	Previous	Year Ago
Major direct users:			
Electric utilities, wk ended (Mil. Kwh 3/7/81)	43,190	42,427	44,911
Steel (Short tons, thousands, week ended 3/7/81)	2,560	2,551	2,501
Cement, Portland, U.S. shipments (short tons, month ended 12/80)	5,119,500	5,761,768	5,111,797
Other significant output:			
Aluminum (short tons, 1/81)	445,127	438,929	430,924
Motor vehicle production, total (month ended 2/81)	478,992	455,479	619,932
Machine tools:			
Net new orders (\$000, 1/81)	279,600	299,150	466,900
Shipments (\$000 1/81)	404,250	463,300	330,700

Price indexes	WEEK ENDED		
	1/81	12/80	1/80
Coal	477.5	475.7	458.1
Anthracite	506.7	497.9	435.1
Chestnut, Pa., mine	N.A.	435.3	389.4
Buckwheat No. 1, Pa., mine	N.A.	554.9	495.8
Bituminous	475.7	474.1	457.9
Domestic sizes	587.6	587.3	577.6
Retail dealers	278.0	277.6	273.3
Industrial sizes, spot	397.0	396.4	390.9
Steam electric utility	120.8	120.3	118.8
Manufacturing	251.9	251.9	249.3
Metallurgical, high volatile	704.2	704.2	690.9
Metallurgical, low & medium volatile	712.7	710.4	705.0
Industrial sizes, contract	135.7	135.2	129.8
Steam electric utility	165.6	164.6	153.9
Manufacturing	120.2	120.2	118.1
Metallurgical, high volatile	99.0	99.0	96.4
Coke (foundry by-product)	430.6	430.6	430.6
Birmingham, Ala.	439.6	439.6	439.6
Milwaukee, Wis.	420.4	420.4	420.4
Detroit, Mich.	N.A.	N.A.	423.1
Indianapolis, Ind.	437.7	437.7	437.7
St. Louis, Missouri	286.8	286.8	286.8
Philadelphia, Penna.	285.8	285.8	285.8

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Quantity in short tons	Dollar Value			Avg. Value, per short ton		
	1/81	12/80	1/80	1/81	12/80	1/80
Bituminous coal, new						
volatile bituminous in coke						
coke No. 5213116						
Japan	1,352,536	2,469,807	1,063,319	77,009,244	136,802,091	63,476,198
France	432,927	148,897	434,607	24,248,829	7,202,456	21,131,581
Italy	402,067	471,176	481,063	21,749,815	25,328,860	24,007,683
Spain	331,073	149,327	158,739	16,763,275	7,357,585	8,357,897
Brazil	220,007	365,801	258,600	12,820,451	19,938,256	14,737,684
Netherlands	161,811	180,186	148,406	8,507,084	8,933,892	7,655,325
Turkey	140,070	68,458	90,815	7,668,175	3,567,920	4,339,339
Belgium	130,720	264,082	134,196	7,234,599	14,232,933	5,215,434
Germany, F.R. (West)	112,064	191,400	197,266	6,159,665	10,316,002	9,725,191
Total, above	3,283,275	4,306,734	2,967,211	182,161,137	233,679,995	158,646,342
Total, other nations	657,088	1,032,519	849,140	33,345,448	57,431,607	41,413,142
Total, all nations	3,940,363	5,341,253	3,816,351	215,506,585	291,111,602	200,059,484

Quantity in short tons	Dollar Value			Avg. Value, per short ton		
	1/81	12/80	1/80	1/81	12/80	1/80
Bituminous coal, other No. 5213128						
France	365,510	199,829	6,789	14,608,538	7,271,202	204,819
Netherlands	270,456	331,988	70,164	11,838,242	13,537,116	2,631,163
Japan	177,439	200,088	25,146	8,147,193	8,826,544	1,339,022
Denmark	149,330	258,519	62,737	6,407,771	11,811,303	2,016,531
Spain	141,001	53,193	33,526	5,994,837	2,006,979	1,485,752
Belgium	136,157	215,675	8,385	5,152,261	7,520,910	239,571
Italy	129,754	274,944	—	4,907,384	11,509,657	—
Total, above	1,369,647	1,534,236	206,747	57,056,226	62,483,311	7,916,858
Total, other nations	416,986	1,293,847	268,734	20,852,984	54,344,045	12,263,184
Total, all nations	1,786,633	2,828,083	475,481	77,909,210	116,827,356	20,180,042

Quantity in short tons	Dollar Value			Avg. Value, per short ton		
	1/81	12/80	1/80	1/81	12/80	1/80
Lignite, No. 5213130						
Total, all nations	2,519	1,742	1,435	341,870	232,584	251,286

Quantity in short tons	Dollar Value			Avg. Value, per short ton		
	1/81	12/80	1/80	1/81	12/80	1/80
Coal coke for use as fuel, No. 5213148						
Total, all nations	94,491	56,800	42,765	5,673,870	4,635,586	4,691,447
Petroleum coke, except calcined No. 5213150						
Japan	164,179	169,284	144,794	6,056,742	6,173,845	4,921,747
Total, other nations	108,929	462,287	451,050	4,996,594	17,564,424	15,323,426
Total, all nations	273,108	631,571	595,844	11,053,336	25,738,269	20,245,173
Compositions for fuel No. 5213160						
Total, all nations	284	117	669	43,166	15,489	96,897
Anthracite, No. 5213170						
Total, all nations	65,331	56,650	167,223	2,240,505	3,789,826	7,699,324

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Quantity in short tons	Dollar Value			Avg. Value, per short ton		
	1/81	12/80	1/80	1/81	12/80	1/80
Bituminous coal, No. 5213120						
Total, all nations	67	65,702	84,598	4,319	1,519,267	1,779,551
Coke, suitable for fuel, No. 4213140						
Total, all nations	79,061	12,815	174,841	6,085,864	1,203,241	15,283,414
Compositions for fuel, No. 5213160						
Total, all nations	380	271	2,551	15,489	10,118	101,562
Coal, incl. lignite, except peat No. 5213180						
Total, all nations	35,308	4,430	36,069	1,619,715	191,503	1,099,452

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March 30-31 - Conference on Cogeneration at Stouffer's National Center, Arlington, Va. Information: Robert W. Nash, The Energy Bureau, 41 East 42d St., New York 10017. Telephone: 212-687-3178.

April 8 - Mining Equipment Liability, Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act and Mine Safety and Health Act seminars at Huntington Civic Center, Huntington, W. Va. Information: Robert W.

Nash, The Energy Bureau, 41 East 42d St. New York,

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STEAM COAL (521.3129) EXPORTS FOR DEC. 1980 (CONT.)

Destination	\$TN	\$
Canada	2,020	96,301
"	1,751	85,096
"	218	8,680
"	1,553	83,812
"	852,379	34,283,729
"	857,919	34,557,618
Mexico	2,046	95,891
"	1,266	59,874
"	44	1,758
"	864	54,091
"	4,020	211,614
Chile	21,760	752,329
"	73,235	7,828,319
"	94,995	3,380,648
Argentina	93	3,724
Finland	31,975	1,290,843
"	26,866	1,639,950
"	58,641	2,930,793
Denmark	70,363	4,55,467
"	82,390	3,905,370
"	125,766	5,450,466
"	258,519	11,811,303
Ireland	12,227	774,672
United Kingdom	32,992	1,186,723
"	44,439	3,017,149
"	77,431	4,203,872
Netherlands	287,804	11,806,124
"	44,384	1,730,992
"	331,988	13,537,116
Belgium	149,330	5,555,198
"	68,435	1,965,714
"	215,875	7,520,910
"	21,682	888,962
Fed. Rep. of Germany	176	7,096
"	78,045	3,763,500
"	78,221	3,770,556
Spain	53,193	2,006,579
Italy	27,058	962,260
"	99,901	3,909,286
"	43,293	1,822,361
"	104,892	4,915,750
"	274,944	11,509,657
Rep. of Korea	48,094	1,985,189
Taiwan	62,206	2,525,359
Japan	8,037	351,628
"	46,902	2,386,379
"	145,149	6,088,537
"	200,088	8,826,544
Tot. Steam Coal Exports	2,828,083	116,827,356

ANTHRACITE COAL (521.3170) EXPORTS FOR DECEMBER 1980

Canada	606	36,015
"	4,213	280,440
"	75	5,625
"	54	4,887
"	75	4,470
"	5,023	311,237
Mexico	711	96,764
"	141	8,276
"	852	105,040
Venezuela	3,027	231,831
"	8	1,774
"	3,035	233,605
Brazil	4,774	360,452
Rep. of Korea	32,158	1,027,924
Japan	4,158	395,057
"	5,413	1,069,376
"	9,571	1,464,433
Australia	14	3,093
"	1,223	284,042
"	1,237	287,135
Total	58,650	3,789,826

Export

Customs District
Ogdensburg, N.Y.
Buffalo, N.Y.
Detroit, Mich.
Pembina, N.Dak.
Cleveland, Ohio

Laredo, Tex.
El Paso, Tex.
San Diego, Calif.
Nogales, Ariz.

Philadelphia, Pa.
New Orleans, La.

New York, N.Y.

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Norfolk, Va.

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Norfolk, Va.
New Orleans, La.

Los Angeles, Calif.

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Baltimore, Md.
New Orleans, La.

Los Angeles, Calif.

METALLURGICAL COAL (521.3118) EXPORTS FOR DECEMBER 1980

Destination	\$TN	\$	EXPORT Customs District
Canada	3,036	116,964	Buffalo, N.Y.
"	21	2,596	Detroit, Mich.
"	388,220	22,614,832	Cleveland, Ohio
"	391,277	22,734,392	
Mexico	447	22,781	Laredo, Tex.
Brazil	342,115	18,787,166	Norfolk, Va.
"	23,686	1,171,090	New Orleans, La.
"	365,801	19,938,256	
Argentina	55,148	2,782,173	Norfolk, Va.
Sweden	36,656	1,873,718	Norfolk, Va.
United Kingdom	63,082	3,435,103	Norfolk, Va.
Ireland	29,615	1,778,127	Norfolk, Va.
Netherlands	43,331	1,844,274	Philadelphia, Pa.
"	136,855	7,286,618	Norfolk, Va.
"	180,186	8,933,882	
Belgium	61,887	3,870,638	Baltimore, Md.
"	132,123	6,368,022	Norfolk, Va.
"	99,386	3,949,849	Mobile, Ala.
"	681	46,424	New Orleans, La.
"	264,082	14,232,933	
France	38,780	1,526,976	Philadelphia, Pa.
"	109,917	5,675,480	Norfolk, Va.
"	148,897	7,202,456	
Fed. Rep. of Germany	191,400	10,316,002	Norfolk, Va.
Switzerland	20,787	959,118	Norfolk, Va.
Spain	118,056	5,854,012	Norfolk, Va.
"	31,271	1,503,571	Mobile, Ala.
"	149,327	7,357,585	
Portugal	79,475	4,254,340	Norfolk, Va.
"	14,330	927,618	Mobile, Ala.
"	93,805	5,181,958	
Gibraltar	32,546	1,687,207	Norfolk, Va.
Italy	471,176	25,328,860	Norfolk, Va.
Yugoslavia	29,868	1,403,970	Norfolk, Va.
Romania	71,221	3,681,618	Norfolk, Va.
Turkey	68,458	3,567,920	Norfolk, Va.
Algeria	118,864	6,130,989	Norfolk, Va.
Japan	498,511	27,348,418	Baltimore, Md.
"	1,688,424	93,380,185	Norfolk, Va.
"	65,824	3,924,089	Mobile, Ala.
"	153,570	9,451,367	New Orleans, La.
"	63,278	2,696,032	Los Angeles, Calif.
"	2,469,607	136,802,091	
Egypt	89,622	5,760,453	Baltimore, Md.
Tot. Met. Coal Exports	5,341,253	291,111,602	

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May 1 — Professional Development Seminar on Coal-Based Synfuels at Battelle Laboratories, Columbus, Ohio. Sponsored by Columbus, Ohio, Section of ASME. Information: Jack Chrystal, 999 Crupper Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43229. Phone: 614-436-3250.

May 4-5 — Coal Transportation Conference at Stouffer's National Center, Arlington, Va. Information: Nancy Jones, Energy Bureau, 41 East 42d St., New York, N.Y.

10017. Telephone: 212-687-3178

May 10-13 — American Mining Congress 1981 Coal Convention, St. Louis, Mo. Information: AMC, Suite 300, 1920 N St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036. Telephone: 202-861-2800.

May 11-15 — International Civil Engineering Convention & Exposition sponsored by American Society of Civil Engineers at New York Hilton Hotel.

May 11-15 — Diamond Core Drilling & Soil Sampling

Training Program. Information: Acker Drill Co., P.O. Box 830, Scranton, Pa. 18501. Telephone: 717-586-2061.

May 14-16 — Three Rivers Coal Festival, Fairmont, W. Va. Information: Three Rivers Coal Festival, P.O. Box 1604, Fairmont, W. Va. 26534.

May 18-19 — Government Institutes' seminar on Clean Air Act at Hotel Washington, Washington, D.C. Also on May 20 an Incineration Systems seminar. Information:

Marguerite Leishman, Government Institutes, P.O. Box 1096, Rockville, Md. 20850. Phone: 301-251-9250.

June 9-12 — Coal Technology Europe 981, Cologne Fair Grounds, Cologne, West Germany. Information: Waalhaven Z.Z. 44, 3088 HJ Rotterdam, Netherlands.

June 11-17 — Bergbau '81, World's Largest International Mining Exhibition, Dusseldorf, West Germany.

June 14-16 — National Coal

Association's 64th Anniversary Convention, Marriott Pavilion Hotel, St. Louis, Mo. Information: Ralph B. Harry, Coal Building, 1130 17th St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036. Telephone: 202-463-2632.

June 16-19 — 2d International Energy Symposium — World's Fair Energy Expo 82, Knoxville, Tenn. Information: Dr. Sheila McCullough, Energy Opportunities Consortium, P.O. Box 2229, Knoxville, Tenn. Phone: 615-637-4554.

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SAM CHURCH is considering his next move following UMW members' rejection of the contract with the Bituminous Coal Operators' Association. (United Press International photo)

Church Ponders Next Move

Prospects Loom for Long Strike

By PAUL FEINE

WASHINGTON — The prospects for a long coal mine strike are growing daily.

This became apparent after B.R. Brown, chief negotiator for the Bituminous Coal Operators Association, announced on Wednesday that his association had "no plans to resume negotiations" with the United Mine Workers.

Furthermore, Brown said that the UMW's unexpectedly sharp rejection of the proposed contract showed "a disturbing lack of bargaining discipline in the UMW, which puts the integrity of the bargaining process in serious jeopardy."

Brown, who is also president of Consolidation Coal, charged that the majority of miners who voted apparently chose to listen to dissidents who were not involved in the bargaining and who misrepresented the proposed agreement, thus assuring its

defeat. The rejection vote was running at a rate of about two-to-one despite the personal pleas of Sam M. Church, Jr., UMW president, who travelled the coal mining regions to plead for approval of the contract.

The rejection of the contract is seen as a personal affront to Church, whose future as president of the union may well be in jeopardy. In certain areas of West Virginia and Kentucky, miners rejected the contract by margins as large as 7 to one.

When Church first announced the proposed new contract and began stumping for its approval, he knew his actions amounted to a calculated risk. His plea for miners to ignore their traditional "no contract, no work" policy and continue laboring under the terms of the old contract pending the ratification vote was taken by many miners as adding insult to injury,

and they returned the favor in their overwhelming rejection of the contract.

Church had argued, and many observers had agreed, that he had negotiated the best possible contract terms under the circumstances. The union had indeed won some important concessions from the BCOA mine operator members, but it had given up some of its prior demands in return, and it was these points that the workers viewed as unacceptable when they cast their ballots.

Among the points on which the BCOA bargainers had yielded to the UMW team was the issue of changes in the industry-wide pension plan. The mine owners had insisted on a company-by-company private retirement coverage plan, while the union wanted continuation of the umbrella program. Under the proposed contract, the existing coverage would

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NEWS ROUNDUP

EPA has given Armco Steel the go-ahead for using the so-called "bubble" method in measuring emissions from its Middletown, Ohio, plant. Particulate emissions will be measured from the plant as a whole rather than from a specific part of the plant, such as a smokestack. This concept has been advanced by most steelmakers as the way to meet emission standards at lower costs, but has been strongly opposed by environmentalists. Armco estimated the cost of the bubble concept approach at \$5.6-million in contrast with \$20-million under regular compliance regulations.

Railroads are hailing an ICC decision that permits them to raise rates so that they can earn a return on their investment equal to the prevailing cost of capital. This would allow revenue equal to 11.7 percent under present rates. Industry figures have shown the actual average rate of return at less than 3 percent, although three railroads — Fort Worth & Denver, Joliet & Eastern, both owned by U.S. Steel have been meeting or exceeding the new allowable 11.7 percent rate of return.

Fluor Corporation has agreed to buy St. Joe Minerals for almost \$2.9-billion, based on an offering price of \$60 a share. This contrasted with the \$45-a-share offer made on March 11 by Joseph E. Seagram & Sons. St. Joe's management opposed the Seagram offer as "grossly inadequate."

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Utility Supplies Range from 60 to 200 Days, Edison Electric Institute Projections Indicate

WASHINGTON — Anticipating the possibility of a drawn-out coal strike, the Edison Electric Institute announced its latest projections for steam coal availability to its electric utility member companies.

According to Douglas Bauer, EEI senior vice president for economic and regulatory policy analysis, the latest figures compiled by the National Electric Reliability Council show a nationwide average of coal supplies on hand at utilities at 120 days or more. Only two areas — Florida and the Virginia-North Carolina-South Carolina region — show supplies in the 60-to-100 day-range, while Alabama, Georgia, and Mississippi indicated a 150-day supply of coal in stock, and estimates in the southwest ranged up to 200 days.

Electric power supply reliability is not expected to be affected if a new coal contract is in effect soon for eastern coal mines under the Bituminous Coal

Operators Association agreement with the United Mine Workers, Bauer said, noting that demand for power traditionally declines during the spring season before rising dramatically with summer air-conditioning load.

"A longer strike can affect the reliability of coal-fired generation and that could seriously affect national economic recovery," Bauer cautioned. Increased dependence on oil-fired generation as a result of a lengthy coal strike would exacerbate dependence on imported oil, and would inevitably increase consumer costs for electric power, he said.

Based on the terms of the tentative agreement rejected last week by the UMW members, Bauer estimated that utility coal costs would increase by approximately \$2.50 per ton, and that these costs would eventually be passed on to electric power customers through regular utility rate proceedings.

Bauer was closely involved with the

Department of Energy's emergency task force during the 1977-78 coal strike, when he served as assistant administrator of the Economic Regulatory Administration for utility programs. During the record-setting strike then, Bauer noted that as utility stockpiles of coal approached the 60 to 90-day average — or roughly half the levels now in place — efforts began to "equalize reserves among utilities" by moving coal from place to place as needed.

When coal stockpiles fall to less than 40 days supply, Bauer said, the existing curtailment plans for individual utilities are triggered. These contingency plans include, in order of implementation, voluntary conservation efforts urged on all electricity users, voltage reductions of up to five percent, shortening of workweeks and other actions to cut power use, curtailment of power supplies to "interruptible" customers, and finally cutoffs of

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Utah Coal Companies Plan Increased Exports to Several Taiwan Customers

SALT LAKE CITY — Taiwan will buy 675,000 tons of Utah coal during 1981 and a minimum of 11-million over the next decade, according to an agreement announced by Utah Gov. Scott Matheson and Clifford J. Barborka, president of Utah Pacific Corp.

They said Utah Pacific will act as broker for a group of mines in Carbon and Emery counties, including arranging for transportation to the West Coast.

In Washington, Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, said the Utah Pacific agreement and one with Plateau Mining total \$394-million.

Five Taiwan companies are involved in the Utah Pacific transaction:

- Lucky Cement Co., which signed a

five-year contract with its 1st delivery in May.

- Chia Hsin Cement Co., which signed a five-year contract with its first delivery in September.

- Taiwan Cement Co., which signed a five-year contract with its first delivery last month.

- Formosa Plastics, which signed a 10-year contract with its first delivery in May.

- And Taiwan Power Co., which signed a 10-year contract with its first delivery in April.

Hatch said the high quality of Utah's low sulfur and high BTU coal helped make it attractive to the Taiwan companies. He said officials were concerned about accessibility and transportation, however.

THE NATION'S ELECTRIC UTILITIES must still fight through the regulatory maze before they can burn coal. Gene Smith traces the battles on page 9.

JOHN CORCORAN BACKS the Administration's efforts to restore the Black Lung Benefits program to its original intent. Comment on page 16.

MASS. GOV. KING AIMS at speeding up coal conversion. Story on page 10.

CHESSIE-FAMILY LINES MERGER bodes well for future of Kentucky coal. Story on page 5.

FACTS & FIGURES

Domestic

WEEK ENDED											
Production				North Dakota	428	485	319	Western district			
Bituminous, recent week	17,510	18,990	17,029	Oklahoma	105	125	103	Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe	1,843	1,843	1,689
Bituminous, year to date	172,405	154,895	163,967	Texas	650	875	350	Burlington Northern	22,076	23,227	20,230
Anthracite, recent week	120	110	100	Utah	275	330	230	Chicago & North Western	402	341	999
Anthracite, year to date	1,060	940	970	Washington	105	102	73	Denver & Rio Grande Western	3,445	4,053	3,304
				Wyoming	2,106	2,150	1,416	Kansas City Southern	106	99	56
				Total, western	5,524	5,646	4,310	Chicago, Mil., St. Paul & Pacific	978	1,130	978
				Total, U.S.	18,950	18,925	15,404	Missouri-Kansas-Texas	77	55	81
								Missouri Pacific	4,405	5,219	4,246
								Chicago, Rock Is. & Pacific	—	—	96
								St. Louis-San Francisco	—	—	799
								Soo Line	52	43	98
								Union Pacific	3,481	3,621	4,557
								Other, western district	71	47	26
								Total, western district	36,936	39,678	36,877
								Total, all districts	120,763	130,847	111,216

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"	31,271	1,503,573	Mobile, Ala.
"	149,327	7,357,585	
Portugal	79,475	4,254,340	Norfolk, Va.
"	14,330	927,618	Mobile, Ala.
"	93,805	5,181,958	
Gibraltar	32,546	1,687,207	Norfolk, Va.
Italy	471,176	25,328,860	Norfolk, Va.
Yugoslavia	29,669	1,403,970	Norfolk, Va.
Romania	71,221	3,681,618	Norfolk, Va.
Turkey	68,456	3,567,920	Norfolk, Va.
Algeria	118,664	6,130,989	Norfolk, Va.
Japan	498,511	27,348,418	Baltimore, Md.
"	1,688,424	93,380,185	Norfolk, Va.
"	65,824	3,924,089	Mobile, Ala.
"	153,570	9,451,387	New Orleans, La.
"	63,278	2,698,032	Los Angeles, Calif.
"	2,469,607	136,802,091	
Egypt	89,622	5,760,453	Baltimore, Md.
Tot. Met. Coal Exports	5,341,253	291,111,602	

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WHERE & WHEN

A CALENDAR OF EVENTS OF MEETINGS OF INTEREST TO THE COAL AND OTHER ENERGY-RELATED INDUSTRIES

May 1 — Professional Development Seminar on Coal-Based Synfuels at Battelle Laboratories, Columbus, Ohio. Sponsored by Columbus, Ohio, Section of ASME. Information: Jack Chrystal, 999 Crupper Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43229. Phone: 614-436-3250.

May 4-5 — Coal Transportation Conference at Stouffer's National Center, Arlington, Va. Information: Nancy Jones, Energy Bureau, 41 East 42d St., New York, N.Y.

10017. Telephone: 212-687-3178
May 10-13 — American Mining Congress 1981 Coal Convention, St. Louis, Mo. Information: AMC, Suite 300, 1920 N St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036. Telephone: 202-861-2800.

May 11-15 — International Civil Engineering Convention & Exposition sponsored by American Society of Civil Engineers at New York Hilton Hotel.

May 11-15 — Diamond Core Drilling & Soil Sampling

Training Program. Information: Acker Drill Co., P.O. Box 830, Scranton, Pa. 18501. Telephone: 717-583-2061.

May 14-16 — Three Rivers Coal Festival, Fairmont, W. Va. Information: Three Rivers Coal Festival, P.O. Box 1604, Fairmont, W. Va. 26554.

May 18-19 — Government Institutes' seminar on Clean Air Act at Hotel Washington, Washington, D.C. Also on May 20 an Incineration Systems seminar. Information:

Marguerite Leishman, Government Institutes, P.O. Box 1096, Rockville, Md. 20850. Phone: 301-251-9250.

June 5-12 — Coal Technology Europe 981, Cologne Fair Grounds, Cologne, West Germany. Information: Waalhaven Z.Z. 44, 3088 HJ Rotterdam, Netherlands.

June 11-17 — Bergbau '81, World's Largest International Mining Exhibition, Dusseldorf, West Germany.

June 14-16 — National Coal

Association's 64th Anniversary Convention, Marriott Pavilion Hotel, St. Louis, Mo. Information: Ralph B. Harry, Coal Building, 1130 17th St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036. Telephone: 202-463-2632.

June 16-19 — 2d International Energy Symposium — World's Fair Energy Expo 82, Knoxville, Tenn. Information: Dr. Sheila McCullough, Energy Opportunities Consortium, P.O. Box 2229, Knoxville, Tenn. Phone: 615-637-4554.

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To Avoid Discord and Polarization

Stafford Seeks Fast Clean Air Action

By STEVE MARCY

WASHINGTON — Unless there is Senate floor action by mid-September on amendments to the Clean Air Act, the legislation threatens to become bogged down in discord and polarization.

This is the view of Sen. Robert Stafford (R-Vt.), chairman of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, who hopes to avoid having to seek emergency short-term reauthorization of the existing act and hold the main body of amendments over until next year.

Stafford has made clear that meeting the Autumn deadline requires preventing the debate from becoming fraught with such symbolic significance that both sides on the government regulation issue view its outcome as the ultimate definition of the proper role for social regulation. If that happens, the debate will break down hopelessly in discord and polarization, Stafford fears.

On the House side, the Energy and Commerce Committee Democratic and Republican staffs had not resolved before Easter recess a hearing scheduled on Clean Air Act agenda.

Stafford at least held two days of hear-

ings before the recess. And discovered that an organization of state environmental officials and the director of the National Commission on Air Quality's report on the effectiveness of the Clean Air Act will not be at each other's throat over the acid rain issue.

NCAQ director William Lewis said that while scientists cannot measure the amount of acid rain reduction that will result from given amounts of sulfate emissions reduction, enough evidence nonetheless exists to justify limits on total atmospheric loadings of sulfur dioxide.

James K. Hambright, director of Pennsylvania's air-quality control bureau and president of the State and Territorial Air Pollution Program Administrators (STAPPA) agreed. He suggested that regional sulfur dioxide limits be set, with the states within the regions being given the authority to devise the most cost-effective methods of meeting the limits.

Stafford also found consensus among the three previous EPA heads that the states should be given more flexibility in their plans to prescribe and enforce pollution controls.

William D. Ruckelshaus, now with

Weyerhaeuser, said that the basic structure of the act is a legacy of the political climate surrounding the Vietnam war and its suspicions that public officials could not be trusted, so needed to be placed on a tight leash by Congress.

Consequently, neither the EPA Administrator nor the states were given enough flexibility to respond effectively to a changing understanding about the pollution problem. The result has been very large tax dollar expenditures for very little public benefit. Ruckelshaus said the act should be amended to increase the EPA Administrator's authority to set standards for adequately protecting public health. Public health should not be pursued to the exclusion of all other social goals, anyway. Ruckelshaus said.

"In many environmental laws, the necessity of balancing risks and costs and benefits is made explicit," Ruckelshaus said. "It should be made so here."

Russell E. Train, now with the World Wildlife Fund, thought the act to be fundamentally sound and agreed with the NCAQ report, issued in March, that it would not inhibit energy development.

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NEWS ROUNDUP

The Japanese, West German and U.S. Governments have agreed to "evaluate more closely" the \$1.44-billion coal liquefaction plant they planned to build in West Virginia. The project, proposed by the Carter Administration, may fall victim to the Reagan Administration's budget cutting and the overseas partners decided to take a second look at their participation. The announcement was made after a Tokyo meeting of the three partners.

Fifteen miners were trapped underground in Mid Continent's Dutch Creek No. 1 mine after an explosion. Four men escaped after the blast and the fate of the others was not known at press time. The deep mine, located near Carbondale, Colo., employs 77 workers.

U.S. Steel and Standard Oil (Ohio) have finally reached agreement for the sale of 28 percent of the steelmaker's coal reserves to the oil company for \$700-million. Two U.S. Steel operating mines and reserves of 700- to 800-million tons of coal are involved in the transaction. The deal had been scrapped in March after the purchase price of \$750-million had been announced. The present transaction hinges on the ability of U.S. Steel to get clear title to certain of the

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Electronic Giants Join In Quest for Clean Air

By GENE SMITH

RCA and G.E. in the coal industry, helping clean air?

While it may seem far-fetched, especially for RCA, two recent patent awards may lead to just that.

Dr. Richard Williams, a teaching fellow on the technical staff of RCA Laboratories at Princeton, N.J., received a patent for an efficient method of using coal to produce electricity without burning the coal, thus eliminating air pollutants.

Dr. Peter D. Zavitsanos, senior physical chemist of G.E.'s Re-Entry Systems division at Valley Forge, Pa., is hard at work on a patent he and two associates received for "coal desulfurization using alkali metal or alkaline earth compounds and electromagnetic irradiation."

While neither scientist would describe his process as THE answer to air pollution, each believes firmly that the process can go a long way towards cleaning the air for expanded use of coal.

Dr. Williams said in a telephone interview that he has already had "a fair amount of interest (in the process) from a major Midwestern utility and a large New York company in the field since the patent award was announced on March 31." He acknowledged that he has not heard from the Electric Power Research Institute, "but I'd be very happy if they called. They'd be the logical ones to carry this on its next step."

Dr. Zavitsanos said his process was "a useful and different way to remove sulfur than any previously known methods." He estimated its commercial use was "5 to 10 years away."

The G.E. scientist and his colleague, Kenneth W. Bleiler, received an initial patent on Feb. 28, 1978, for what then described as a "process for coal desulfurization." The latest patent, received on May 1, 1979, included the work of another assistant, Joseph A. Golden, who is a G.E. physicist. Bleiler is an analytical chemist.

Zavitsanos acknowledged that it seems rather unusual for the patent to come from the Valley Forge operation which works primarily on the space and missiles programs. But, he explained, "for the past 20 years we've been worrying about carbons and graphites and the interaction of their properties."

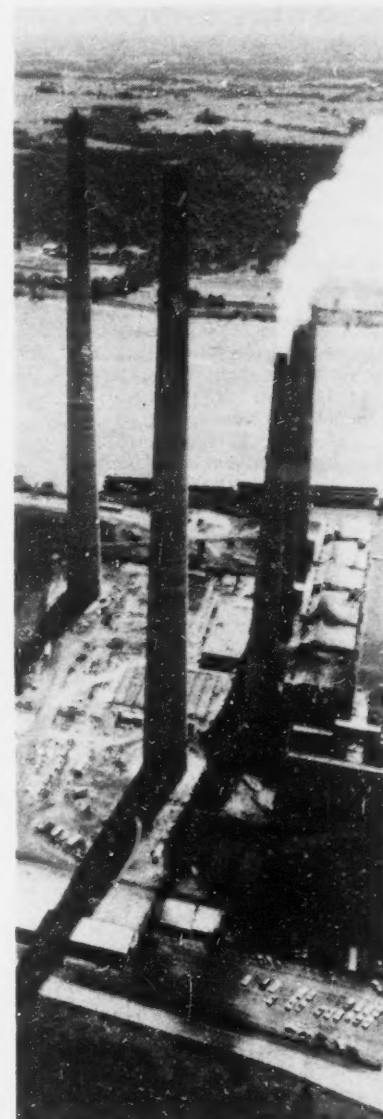
"This process stemmed from scientific curiosity," he went on. "We worked primarily on graphite for re-entry programs and were developing a heat protection system for missiles. Coal was sort of a logical next step."

At present, the trio have a laboratory scale system that moves coal through a microwave field for testing. The next move would be an automatic, larger version that would handle one kilogram per pass per minute through the microwave field. Then, it will be up to G.E. to decide what to do next. Zavitsanos said that some work had been done on the process at G.E.'s main laboratory at Schenectady, N.Y.

The patent describes the process as follows:

"Pyritic and organic sulfur is removed from pulverized coal by contacting the coal with an alkali metal or alkaline earth

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THOUSAND-FOOT TALL CHIMNEYS tower above a coal-burning power plant on the Ohio River. Environmentalists blame them for acid rain falling throughout the Northeast and in Eastern Canada. CInews' Special Clean Air Report, which runs from Page 9 through Page 16, delves into this continuing controversy.

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SPECIAL CLEAN AIR REPORT: National Clean Air Coalition calls for two-level standards. (Page 9) (Report continues through Page 16.)

BOB BEDINGFIELD REPORTS on Taiwan Power's rapid expansion in coal-fired power. (Page 4)

THE SEARCH FOR 'SUPER-COAL' continues despite Reagan budget cutting. (Page 3)

BAGGE BELIEVES TRIPLED OUTPUT is attainable with tax incentives. (Page 2)

FACTS & FIGURES

Domestic

Week End				Texas			480 Southern district						Coal User Production			Recent Previous Year Ago		
4/4/81 3/28/81 4/5/80				Utah			Cincinnati Railroad			2,029 2,291 2,129			Major direct users:					
Production				Washington			Illinois Central Gulf <td colspan="3">5,015 5,965 3,231</td> <td colspan="3">Electric utilities</td> <td colspan="3"></td>			5,015 5,965 3,231			Electric utilities					
Bituminous, recent week				Wyoming			Louisville & Nashville <td colspan="3">15,077 15,364 13,802</td> <td colspan="3">(Mil. Kwh., wk ended</td> <td colspan="3">39,964 41,692 40,327</td>			15,077 15,364 13,802			(Mil. Kwh., wk ended			39,964 41,692 40,327		
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Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy, Energy Information Administration — Weekly Report.													Other significant output:					
													Aluminum (short tons,			404,225 444,826 406,396		
													Month ended 2/81)					
													Passenger car production, total					
													(Month ended 3/81)			619,430 478,992 638,238		
													Machine tools:					
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"	54	4,687
"	75	4,470
"	5,023	311,237
Mexico	711	96,764
"	141	8,276
"	852	105,040
Venezuela	3,027	231,831
"	8	1,774
"	3,035	233,605
Brazil	4,774	360,452
Rep. of Korea	32,158	1,027,924
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Philadelphia, Pa.				
Baltimore, Md.	Spain	118,056	5,854,012	Norfolk, Va.
Norfolk, Va.	"	31,271	1,503,573	Mobile, Ala.
New Orleans, La.		149,327	7,357,585	
Los Angeles, Calif.	Portugal	79,475	4,254,340	Norfolk, Va.
Los Angeles, Calif.	"	14,330	927,616	Mobile, Ala.
Baltimore, Md.		93,805	5,181,958	
New Orleans, La.	Gibraltar	32,546	1,687,207	Norfolk, Va.
Los Angeles, Calif.				
Italy		471,176	25,328,860	Norfolk, Va.
Yugoslavia		29,669	1,403,970	Norfolk, Va.
Buffalo, N.Y.	Romania	71,221	3,681,618	Norfolk, Va.
Seattle, Wash.				
Great Falls, Mont.	Turkey	68,458	3,567,920	Norfolk, Va.
Detroit, Mich.				
Laredo, Tex.	Algeria	118,664	6,130,989	Norfolk, Va.
El Paso, Tex.				
Philadelphia, Pa.	Japan	498,511	27,348,418	Baltimore, Md.
New Orleans, La.	"	1,688,424	93,380,185	Norfolk, Va.
Philadelphia, Pa.	"	65,824	3,924,089	Mobile, Ala.
New York, N.Y.	"	153,570	9,451,367	New Orleans, La.
Philadelphia, Pa.	"	63,278	2,698,032	Los Angeles, Calif.
New Orleans, La.		2,469,607	136,802,091	
Philadelphia, Pa.	Egypt	89,622	5,760,453	Baltimore, Md.
Los Angeles, Calif.				
Tot. Met. Coal Exports		5,341,253	291,111,602	

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A CALENDAR OF EVENTS OF MEETINGS OF INTEREST TO THE COAL AND OTHER ENERGY-RELATED INDUSTRIES

May 1 — Professional Development Seminar on Coal-Based Synfuels at Battelle Laboratories, Columbus, Ohio. Sponsored by Columbus, Ohio, Section of ASME. Information: Jack Chrystal, 999 Crupper Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43229. Phone: 614-436-3250.

May 4-5 — Coal Transportation Conference at Stouffer's National Center, Arlington, Va. Information: Nancy Jones, Energy Bureau, 41 East 42d St., New York, N.Y.

10017. Telephone: 212-687-3178

May 10-13 — American Mining Congress 1981 Coal Convention, St. Louis, Mo. Information: AMC, Suite 300, 1920 N St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036. Telephone: 202-861-2800.

May 11-15 — International Civil Engineering Convention & Exposition sponsored by American Society of Civil Engineers at New York Hilton Hotel.

May 11-15 — Diamond Core Drilling & Soil Sampling

Training Program. Information: Acker Drill Co., P.O. Box 830, Scranton, Pa. 18501. Telephone: 717-586-2061.

May 14-16 — Three Rivers Coal Festival, Fairmont, W. Va. Information: Three Rivers Coal Festival, P.O. Box 1604, Fairmont, W. Va. 26554.

May 18-19 — Government Institutes' seminar on Clean Air Act at Hotel Washington, Washington, D.C. Also on May 20 an Incineration Systems seminar. Information:

Marguerite Leishman, Government Institutes, P.O. Box 1096, Rockville, Md. 20850. Phone: 301-251-9250.

June 9-12 — Coal Technology Europe 1981, Cologne Fair Grounds, Cologne, West Germany. Information: Waalhaven Z.Z. 44, 3088 HJ Rotterdam, Netherlands.

June 11-17 — Bergbau '81, World's Largest International Mining Exhibition, Dusseldorf, West Germany.

June 14-16 — National Coal

Association's 64th Anniversary Convention, Marriott Pavilion Hotel, St. Louis, Mo. Information: Ralph B. Harry, Coal Building, 1130 17th St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036. Telephone: 202-463-2632.

June 16-19 — 2d International Energy Symposium — World's Fair Energy Expo 82, Knoxville, Tenn. Information: Dr. Sheila McCullough, Energy Opportunities Consortium, P.O. Box 2229, Knoxville, Tenn. Phone: 615-637-4554.

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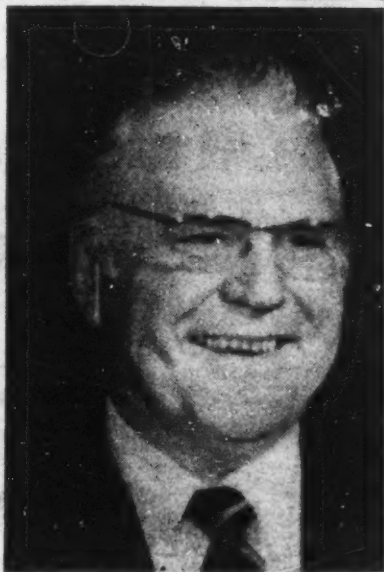
By GENE SMITH

The new head of the Senate Coal Caucus is expected to tell coal industry leaders just what they should expect from the Reagan Administration at Monday morning's opening session of the American Mining Congress 1981 Coal Convention at St. Louis.

J. Allen Overton, Jr., president of the trade association, noted that in addition to Senator John Heinz, III, (Rep.-Penn.) the expected 4,000 attendees will also hear from Representative Joe Gaydos (Dem.-Penn.) chairman of the Health and Safety Subcommittee of the House Education and Labor Committee, and Representative G. William Whitehurst (Rep.-Va.), whose district encompasses the busy coal port of Norfolk.

This year's gathering comes at a time when coal production has just about been halved by the unexpected strike of the United Mine Workers and with little prospect for any quick settlement.

Originally, the mood had been completely optimistic what with a friendly new Administration in the White House and release of the U.S. Regulatory Authority's study that found the coal industry was being over-regulated. Even such formerly anti-coal newspapers as The New York Times appeared to have changed its at-



J. ALLEN OVERTON
... sets program

titude and was editorially supporting expanded use of coal.
The booming export market was clog-

ing ports on both coasts and the only problem seemed to be how to handle the surging orders.

Congressman Whitehurst will chair a Monday session dealing with exports. Overton pointed out that "the Congressman's sponsorship of legislation to provide for dredging of the Hampton Roads Harbor and Channels show he is keenly aware of the need to insure that the nation's busiest port can handle the anticipated flow of coal for export."

The convention will open with Ralph E. Bailey, chairman of Conoco, presenting "An Industry View of Energy Policy."

Bailey has indicated that he will stress the advantages that U.S. coal has by way of abundant supplies — "enough to last for a century or more even at super high rates of consumption." He will point out that "coal could fuel a new era of growth and prosperity in the U.S. and provide a competitive alternative to OPEC oil in world trade."

The Conoco chief executive will also stress the competitive advantages of coal — "U.S. steam coal is being delivered to Rotterdam at half the price of fuel oil based on equivalent heating value." He will discuss the inherent values of coal in getting our balance of payments back on a sensible level.

At the same time, a spokesman said that Bailey would not avoid the effects of the strike on the industry. He will point up the mutual interests to do all possible to make coal competitive both at home and in world trade and will emphasize the need for achieving harmony now and in future labor negotiations.

Heinz, who is also chairman of the International Finance and Monetary Policy Subcommittee of the Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee and of the Economic Growth, Employment and Revenue Sharing Subcommittee of the Finance Committee, has "an unequalled perspective from which to view the coal industry and its problems," according to Overton.

The traditional Tuesday Coal Luncheon will feature Rep. Gaydos, who is serving his sixth year as chairman of the subcommittee that handles mine safety and health legislation.

"Because of his committee position and his background, Chairman Gaydos is uniquely qualified to address the impact of governmental action and events on the coal industry," Overton said. Gaydos is also chairman of the Congressional Steel Caucus and has been an official of the UMW.

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NEWS ROUNDUP

Ashland Oil is negotiating with two European companies for the sale of a 40 percent interest in its Ashland Coal subsidiary for about \$164-million. The potential buyers were not identified nor would the company say why it was interested in the sale. The company also stressed that no final agreement has been reached.

Consolidation Coal expects U.S. exports of steam coal to be at the 72-million-ton level in 1990. Senior vice president Robert Friedrich said that would be out of total world steam coal trade of 305-million tons. He added that his company's studies show 87 percent of the steam coal in foreign trade then will go to Western Europe (165-million tons), with the Far East taking 100-million tons.

DOE reported that American consumption of oil products for the four weeks ended April 17 averaged just 15.9-million barrels a day. The overall supply rate for refined products ran 13 percent below the average for the year to date and 6.1 percent lower than in the like 1980 period. DOE also forecast that energy usage this

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Led By West Virginia Operator

Independents Talk Split With BCOA

By MIKE MYER

Led by an outspoken West Virginia coal producer, independent mining companies in several areas of the country hope to break their dependence on the Bituminous Coal Operators Association for labor relations with the United Mine Workers.

Small to medium-sized producers in West Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio and Utah, along with at least two major firms say that, unless the current BCOA-UMW deadlock over a new contract ends soon, they will negotiate with the union themselves for new contracts which will allow them to resume mining coal.

Though BCOA has expressed no fear the effort will pressure it concerning contract negotiations and international UMW officials seem unimpressed with the maverick operators, the new effort is be-



JACK HENRY
... seeks support

ing received sympathetically by some union officials at the district level.

And though efforts by coal producers to negotiate with the union separately with BCOA have failed in the past, the current movement is more widespread and better organized than those of the past.

Developments during the past few weeks in the movement to break away from dependence on the BCOA have included these:

- A major effort is being made, led by West Virginia producer Jack Henry, to organize a new group of independent coal operators who would negotiate on their own with the UMW. Henry's group, the Unionized Coal Employers Association, claims about 50 company members, with more expected.

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Appeals Court Upholds EPA Coal-Fired Emissions Rule

By STEVE MARCY

WASHINGTON — A three-judge panel for the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals here has upheld the Environmental Protection Agency's variable-emissions standard for new coal-fired power plants.

The June 1979 optional standard, affirmed by the Court April 29, allows a utility to achieve less than a 90 percent removal of sulphur dioxide emissions expected to occur without controls, provided that the installation of controls will reduce

emissions to at least 0.6-pounds per million B.t.u.'s. For really high-sulphur coal, the 90 percent removal requirement still applies.

In no instance, however, can a plant achieve less than a 70 percent reduction. The standard has the effect of establishing a sliding scale, ranging from an allowed minimum removal of 70 percent to a stiff 90 percent.

The Court's 253-page opinion rejects the

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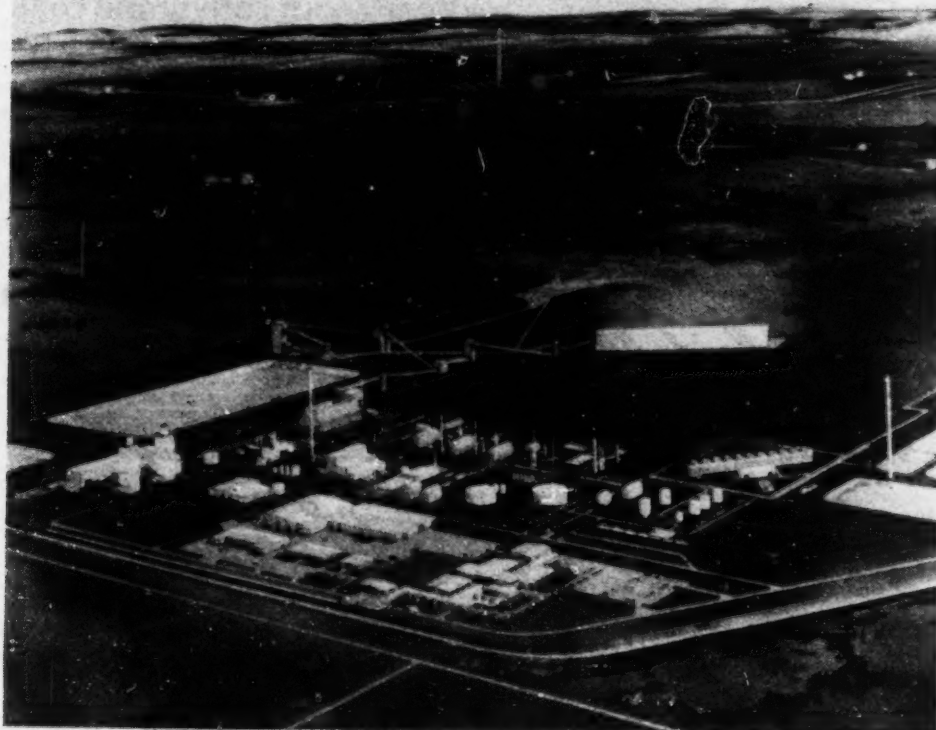
CINews' MIKE MYERS REPORTS Gov. Jay Rockefeller worries more about Congressional power shifts than about the new Reagan Administration. (Page 11) (Special Report on Coal's Future begins on Page 11.)

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GREAT PLAINS GASIFICATION PROJECT could be the prototype for a gigantic new synthetic fuels industry based on coal, if it is able to survive the countless roadblocks that have been thrown in its path.

A Decade of Broad Changes:

Coal, Rail Fields to Thrive: Kearney

The Chicago management consultant firm of A.T. Kearney, Inc., specializes in the transportation industry. James S. Heuer, manager of transportation planning, and Victor Churchward, a principal in the firm, addressed themselves to the proposition, "Coal and Rail Industries in the Future — Friends or Adversaries?" CInews believes their findings offer valuable insights into this all-important issue that will be facing the coal industry as it embarks on its much-heralded era of expansion.

Both the rail and coal industries face broad changes in the next 10 years. While the coal industry is facing new pressures for greater tonnage, the rail industry is responding to economic and regulatory changes that will affect how the rails do business and how they serve their customers. Coal industry executives need to understand the changes happening in the U.S. transportation system to make the right decisions about how to distribute their product, just as rail industry executives must recognize the trends affecting the coal producers so they can anticipate the added demands that will be placed on the rail

system in the future.

The changes occurring in the rail industry result from a series of historical economic pressures. For the railroads, the revenue per ton mile (measured in real 1967 dollars) has decreased substantially, from three cents in 1947 to one cent in 1976. This negative trend is reflected in the decline in the net railway operating income for the same period. At the same time, the coal tonnage transported by rail increased 50 percent from 1964 to 1977, and will rise even more dramatically in the next 10 years if current trends continue. Although rail rates have generally lagged rail costs, coal rates have kept pace with rail operating expenditures. The relationship between rail rates for general commodities, those for coal transportation and rail costs is shown below.

Year	Index of all Rail Rates	Index of Coal Rates	Index of Rail Cost
1975	100.0	100.0	100.0
1976	113.4	115.2	110.7
1977	124.0	127.1	120.1
1978	130.2	134.8	130.5
1979	145.1	152.3	148.6
1980	165.8	176.9	171.8

(Index base year 1975)
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Reagan Program Questioned

Rockefeller Worries About New Congress

By MIKE MYER

November's elections, despite Ronald Reagan and his party's pro-business reputation, may have put new roadblocks in the way of growth in the West Virginia coal industry, according to state leaders.

One of those potential roadblocks has little to do with Reagan himself but with newly powerful Republican senators, said West Virginia Gov. John D. Rockefeller IV.

Another, this one widely recognized, involves cutbacks in Federal support for the synthetic fuels industry on which West Virginia had placed high hopes.

Ironically, the new Republican power in the Senate has eliminated much of West Virginia's influence and has replaced some key senators who, though Democrats, had pro-coal and pro-West Virginia backgrounds with others who, though Republicans, may not be so favorably disposed toward legislation which could help the state's coal industry, said Rockefeller.

Of particular concern, Rockefeller told a recent meeting of his state's Coal Commission, are environmental and oil-backout legislation.

Rockefeller noted that, despite hopes the Reagan Administration could help the coal industry, November's elections influenced not just the executive branch of government but also the legislative branch — perhaps even more important to West Virginia's coal industry.

One very influential friend of coal and West Virginia coal in particular, Sen. Jennings Randolph (D-W.Va.), had chaired the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works. That committee exercised con-

could influence adversely increased use of coal, particularly as a replacement for oil, he added.

Another new chairman — this one of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee — is Sen. James McClure, (R-Idaho). Rockefeller said McClure's stand on coal-related issues still is, to a large extent, a question but it may be less favorable than that of his predecessor, Sen. Henry Jackson, (D-Wash.).

could influence, to some extent, coal exports on which Rockefeller hopes his state can build.

Former committee chairman Sen. Frank Church, (D-Id.) was removed from the chairmanship not just because his party lost its Senate majority but because he lost the November election.

New chairman of the committee — Sen. Charles Percy, (R-Ill.) who happens to be Rockefeller's brother-in-law.

Rockefeller's power of former Senate Majority Leader Sen. Robert Byrd, (D-W. Va.), who was replaced as majority leader by Sen. Howard Baker, (R-Tenn.).

Federal clean air legislation, blamed by some coal interests for hampering growth in use of their fuel, will be reviewed in Congress during coming months and eventually must be re-authorized by Congress, Rockefeller noted.

It's expected new knowledge concerning pollution will be taken into account and the re-authorized law could-or could not-affect coal's growth, said the governor.

New powers in Congress, including some Northeastern and Southwestern congressmen who have obtained new positions of influence, could adversely affect coal interests in regard to environmental legislation, Rockefeller said.

He said he expects "a two-year fight before that is re-authorized in the United States Congress."

Former Federal synfuels chief John Sawhill "had a very good

relationship with West Virginia" but it's uncertain how the synfuels program will proceed in the Reagan Administration, Rockefeller said.

In fact, since Rockefeller urged coal industry leaders at his Coal Commission meeting that, "If you have friends, call them" concerning the program. Administration officials have said the separate synfuels effort may be scrapped. Leadership of the Synthetic Fuels Corporation, which may or may not have a major role in allocating synfuels funds, has not yet been decided by the new Administration.

Of key importance to West Virginia is the proposed SRC-II coal liquefaction plant to be located near Morgantown, W. Va.

Byrd, saying the new Administration is involved in "a dismantling of all of the comprehensive national energy program," says he fears Federal funding of the plant may be cut drastically.

Rockefeller, though cautious in his appraisal of the new Administration by saying "It's much too early to tell what that will or will not bring out," also seems to be planning to deal possibly unfavorable effects of the new Administration.

Nothing that Congressional action involves "a certain kind of mixture of politics," Rockefeller told those at the Coal Commission meeting. "This is not a time to be letting politics enter into it but, as we get down to short strokes, as they say, that's the way it sometimes is."



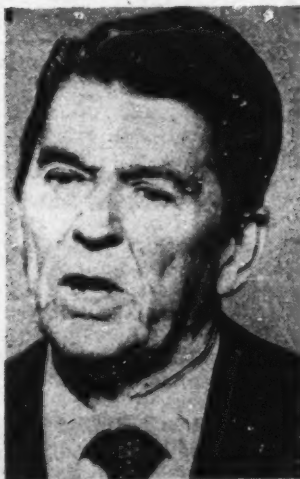
GOV. ROCKEFELLER
... has questions

siderable sway in air and water pollution legislation affecting the coal industry.

But, with the new Republican majority in the Senate, the committee has a new chairman, Rockefeller noted.

That man is Sen. Robert Stafford, (R-Vt.) whose views on environment may prompt more stringent air and water pollution regulations than would have been promulgated with Randolph as chairman, the governor said.

Because Stafford is a New Englander with an environmental record in an oil-powered area, he



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Another Senate change which could affect West Virginia to some extent, this one not mentioned by Rockefeller, involves the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. That committee

Consultants See Coal, Rail Industries Thriving

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The cost of operating a railroad varies not only by commodity, but also by region, car size, and shipment size. For a haul of 500 miles, for example, costs in New England are 60 percent higher than those in the Southern United States. For the same distance, 70-

providing service. In short, contracts will require that the operating, marketing, legal, pricing, and engineering departments work together to draft the special and individual provisions for each contract.

Can a new, working relationship be forged between

increases on coal will not be sufficient to restore rail industry viability. To substantiate claims of inadequate coal revenues, carriers must support their cost analysis by computing track maintenance costs for specific lines, by expecting a realistic capital recovery and by citing accurate locomotive operating, fuel and maintenance costs. Rail management may also have the option in the future of financing projects for major, new rail investments through joint participation with coal companies and utilities.

What is the implication of deregulation for the coal supplier and user?

Contracts can be used by the coal industry to check rate escalation. At the same time, coal

companies should emphasize the economy of unit train operations by stressing their high volume movements, investing in loading and unloading facilities and analyzing the life cycle costs of converting boilers to take advantage of a wide range of high volume, available fuels.

Coal users should avoid acquiring mines or signing long-term

pipeline alternatives before they commit their business to any one carrier. And, finally, coal industry management should recognize that rail rates which exceed some regulatory maximum may be justified to maintain the long-term viability of the carrier.

By working together, the rail and coal industries can keep each

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ton cars are 25 percent more costly than 100-ton cars. And, in reference to shipment size, at 500 miles, single car costs exceed unit train costs by 250 percent.

The result of these economic squeezes on the rail industry is the desire on the part of the industry management to move from an artificial to a deregulated environment. As a result of recent regulatory reform, the coal industry may witness a possible 20 to 22 percent increase in its rail transportation rates.

Under the Staggers Act of 1980, railroads are not bound to restrictive Interstate Commerce Commission decisions and have, therefore, a broader freedom to negotiate special arrangements with their customers. If a carrier is dissatisfied with its share of the revenues in a joint line movement, it can apply unilateral surcharges to raise its share to 110 percent of variable costs. With reduced control by the ICC, carriers can also cancel joint routes, combine rates, and abandon service to unprofitable markets.

One result of deregulation that will be of primary interest to coal producers is the use of contract rates by the railroads. For the coal industry, contracts offer an opportunity to control rail rate escalation. Although contract rates offer coal management security, they also present a management challenge that the coal industry has never faced in the regulated past. The management of both the railroad and the coal supplier will have to be knowledgeable about car supply, service requirement, service rewards and penalties, and the underlying cost of

the rail and coal industries? What will be the role of each in this altered environment, which introduces new responsibilities to management?

For the railroads, any action they take on coal rates must be one part of a broad strategy to improve profits. This strategy must include individual rate actions on many commodities; rate

"As a result of recent regulatory reform, the coal industry may witness a possible 20 to 22 percent increase in its rail transportation rates."

coal contracts unless they have a contract for rail service first. Both users and producers should examine rail, water and slurry

other healthy and profitable in the future market, which will require the highest levels of performance from them both.

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WASHINGTON — Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended April 11 totaled an estimated 15.9 billion ton-miles, 8.2 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today. The sharp decline was attributable to the impact of the United Mine Workers' strike.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1980, 12 of the 21 commodity groups were down. Coal loadings were off 50 percent. Thirteen of the 21 groups were down from the preceding week of this year.

Cumulative volume for the first 15 weeks of 1981 was an estimated 267.6 billion ton-miles, 0.4 percent higher than the comparable period of last year.

FACTS & FIGURES

Domestic

Week Ended				Oklahoma				98				110				105				Southern district				Recent				Previous				Year Ago															
4/18/81				4/11				4/19				4/11				4/11				4/11/81				4/11/81				4/11/81																			
Production				Texas				Utah				Washington				Wyoming				Total, western				Total, United States				In short tons (000).				Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy, Energy Information Administration — Weekly Coal Report.															
Bituminous, recent week				8,475				8,250				16,001				235,845				227,370				245,910				16,748				17,273				29,516											
Bituminous, year to date				150				185				146				1,642,323				1,581,774				1,677,306				18,890				22,157				19,072											
Anthracite, recent week				1,785				1,635				1,550				3,983				3,516				7,560				1,291				1,223				1,699											
Anthracite, year to date				60,549				58,915				115,916				1,642,323				1,581,774				1,677,306				19,890				22,157				19,072											
Railroad carloadings				467				446				888				3,983				3,516				7,560				3,238				3,786				2,882											
Bituminous, recent week				1,785				1,635				1,550				3,983				3,516				7,560				77				89				105											
Bituminous, year to date				1,642,323				1,581,774				1,677,306				1,642,323				1,581,774				1,677,306				40				84				4,362											
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Anthracite, year to date				60,549				58,915				115,916				1,642,323				1,581,774				1,677,306				—				—				—											
Production data in thousands of short tons.				Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy, Energy Information Administration — Weekly Coal Reports.				Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy, Energy Information Administration — Weekly Coal Reports.				Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy, Energy Information Administration — Weekly Coal Reports.				Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy, Energy Information Administration — Weekly Coal Reports.				Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy, Energy Information Administration — Weekly Coal Reports.				Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy, Energy Information Administration — Weekly Coal Reports.				Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy, Energy Information Administration — Weekly Coal Reports.																			
Production by states, bituminous and lignite				4/11				4/4				4/12				4/11				4/11				4/11/81				4/11/81				4/19/80															
Eastern				Alabama				Georgia				Illinois				Indiana				Kentucky				Kentucky				Kentucky				Kentucky															
Alabama				35				45				563				231				1,172				1,524				2,233				1,641				2,134				3,183							
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Tennessee				530				645				895				35				60				2,135				3,583				4,760				11,717											
Virginia				35				60				2,135				3,583				4,760				11,717				15				18				16											
West Virginia				3,583				4,760				11,717				15				18				16				210				195				259											
Total, eastern				15				18				16				210				195				259				10				11				13											
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Montana				12,361				21,754				52,883				12,361				21,754				52,883				12,361				21,754				52,883											
New Mexico				12,361				21,754				52,883				12,361				21,754				52,883				12,361				21,754				52,883											
North Dakota				12,361				21,754				52,883				12,361				21,754				52,883				12,361				21,754				52,883											

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STEAM COAL (521.3120) EXPORTS FOR DEC. 1980 (CONT.)

Destination	\$TN	\$
Canada	2,020	96,301
"	1,751	85,096
"	216	8,680
"	1,553	83,812
"	852,379	34,283,729
"	857,919	34,557,618
Mexico	2,046	95,891
"	1,266	59,874
"	44	1,758
"	664	54,091
"	4,020	211,614
Chile	21,760	752,329
"	73,235	7,628,319
"	94,995	3,380,648
Argentina	93	3,724
Finland	31,975	1,290,843
"	26,666	1,639,950
"	58,641	2,930,793
Denmark	70,363	4,55,467
"	62,390	3,905,370
"	125,766	5,450,466
"	258,519	11,811,303
Ireland	12,227	774,672
United Kingdom	32,992	1,186,723
"	44,439	3,017,149
"	77,431	4,203,872
Netherlands	287,604	11,806,124
"	44,384	1,730,992
"	331,988	13,537,116
Belgium	149,330	5,555,196
"	66,435	1,965,714
"	215,675	7,520,910
"	21,682	886,962
Fed. Rep. of Germany	176	7,066
"	78,045	3,763,500
"	78,221	3,770,556
Spain	53,193	2,006,579
Italy	27,058	962,260
"	99,901	3,809,286
"	43,293	1,822,361
"	104,692	4,915,750
"	274,944	11,509,657
Rep. of Korea	48,094	1,985,189
Taiwan	62,206	2,525,359
Japan	8,037	351,628
"	46,902	2,386,379
"	145,149	6,088,537
"	200,088	8,826,544
Tot. Steam Coal Exports	2,828,083	116,827,356

ANTHRACITE COAL (521.3170) EXPORTS FOR DECEMBER 1980

Canada	606	36,015
"	4,213	260,440
"	75	5,625
"	54	4,687
"	75	4,470
"	5,023	311,237
Mexico	711	96,764
"	141	8,276
"	852	105,040
Venezuela	3,027	231,831
"	8	1,774
"	3,035	233,605
Brazil	4,774	360,452
Rep. of Korea	32,158	1,027,924
Japan	4,156	395,057
"	5,413	1,089,376
"	9,571	1,464,433
Australia	14	3,093
"	1,223	284,042
"	1,237	287,135
Total	56,650	3,789,826

Export Customs District

Ogdensburg, N.Y.
Buffalo, N.Y.
Detroit, Mich.
Pembina, N.Dak.
Cleveland, Ohio

Laredo, Tex.
El Paso, Tex.
San Diego, Calif.
Nogales, Ariz.

Philadelphia, Pa.
New Orleans, La.

New York, N.Y.

Philadelphia, Pa.
Norfolk, Va.

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Norfolk, Va.
New Orleans, La.

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Norfolk, Va.

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New Orleans, La.

Norfolk, Va.
Mobile, Ala.

Philadelphia, Pa.
Baltimore, Md.
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Baltimore, Md.
Norfolk, Va.
New Orleans, La.

Los Angeles, Calif.
Los Angeles, Calif.
Baltimore, Md.
New Orleans, La.
Los Angeles, Calif.

METALLURGICAL COAL (521.3110) EXPORTS FOR DECEMBER 1980

Destination	\$TN	\$	EXPORT Customs District
Canada	3,036	116,964	Buffalo, N.Y.
"	21	2,596	Detroit, Mich.
"	368,220	22,614,832	Cleveland, Ohio
"	391,277	22,734,392	
Mexico	447	22,781	Laredo, Tex.
Brazil	342,115	18,767,166	Norfolk, Va.
"	23,686	1,171,090	New Orleans, La.
"	365,801	19,938,256	
Argentina	55,148	2,782,173	Norfolk, Va.
Sweden	36,656	1,873,718	Norfolk, Va.
United Kingdom	63,082	3,435,103	Norfolk, Va.
Ireland	29,615	1,778,127	Norfolk, Va.
Netherlands	43,331	1,644,274	Philadelphia, Pa.
"	136,855	7,289,618	Norfolk, Va.
"	180,186	8,933,892	
Belgium	61,887	3,870,638	Baltimore, Md.
"	132,123	6,366,022	Norfolk, Va.
"	69,386	3,949,849	Mobile, Ala.
"	681	46,424	New Orleans, La.
"	264,082	14,232,933	
France	38,780	1,526,976	Philadelphia, Pa.
"	109,917	5,675,480	Norfolk, Va.
"	148,697	7,202,456	
Fed. Rep. of Germany	191,400	10,316,002	Norfolk, Va.
Switzerland	20,767	959,118	Norfolk, Va.
Spain	118,056	5,854,012	Norfolk, Va.
"	31,271	1,503,573	Mobile, Ala.
"	149,327	7,357,585	
Portugal	79,475	4,254,340	Norfolk, Va.
"	14,330	927,618	Mobile, Ala.
"	93,805	5,181,958	
Gibraltar	32,546	1,687,207	Norfolk, Va.
Italy	471,176	25,328,860	Norfolk, Va.
Yugoslavia	29,669	1,403,970	Norfolk, Va.
Romania	71,221	3,681,618	Norfolk, Va.
Turkey	68,458	3,567,920	Norfolk, Va.
Algeria	118,664	6,130,989	Norfolk, Va.
Japan	498,511	27,348,418	Baltimore, Md.
"	1,888,424	93,380,185	Norfolk, Va.
"	65,824	3,924,089	Mobile, Ala.
"	153,570	9,451,367	New Orleans, La.
"	63,278	2,698,032	Los Angeles, Calif.
"	2,469,607	136,802,091	
Egypt	89,622	5,760,453	Baltimore, Md.
Tot. Met. Coal Exports	5,341,253	291,111,602	

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A CALENDAR OF EVENTS OF MEETINGS OF INTEREST TO THE COAL AND OTHER ENERGY-RELATED INDUSTRIES

May 21-22 — Governor's Conference on Expanding the Use of Coal in New York State at Empire State Plaza, Albany, N.Y. Information: N.Y. State Consortium for Advanced Coal Research, c/o Academic Research Development, The Research Foundation of State University of New York, P.O. Box 9, Albany, N.Y. 12201. Telephone: 518-473-1038 or 518-473-7102.

June 8-10 — 1981 Symposium on Instrumentation and Control

for Fossil Energy Processes at San Francisco, Cal., sponsored by Department of Energy, Argonne National Laboratory and Society for Control and Instrumentation for Energy Processes. Information: Mrs. Miriam L. Holden, Director, Conference Planning & Management, Argonne National Laboratory, Building 362-H309, Argonne, Ill. 60439. Telephone: 312-972-5585.

June 9-10 — Ground-Water Protection seminar at Hotel

Washington, Washington, D.C. Information: Government Institutes, Inc., P.O. Box 1096, Rockville, Md. 20850. Telephone: 301-251-9250.

June 10-11 — The Dynamics of World Coal Trade seminar sponsored by Maritime Association of the Port of New York, National Coal Association and Journal of Commerce at Biltmore Hotel. Information: Coal Symposium, Maritime Association of the Port of New York, 80 Broad

St., 34th Floor, New York, N.Y. 10004. Telephone: 212-425-5704.

June 9-12 — Coal Technology Europe 981, Cologne Fair Grounds, Cologne, West Germany. Information: Waalhaven Z.Z. 44, 3088 HJ Rotterdam, Netherlands.

June 11-17 — Bergbau '81, World's Largest International Mining Exhibition, Dusseldorf, West Germany.

June 14-16 — National Coal

Association's 64th Anniversary Convention, Marriott Pavilion Hotel, St. Louis, Mo. Information: Ralph B. Harry, Coal Building, 1130 17th St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036. Telephone: 202-463-2632.

June 18-19 — 2d International Energy Symposium — World's Fair Energy Expo 82, Knoxville, Tenn. Information: Dr. Sheila McCullough, Energy Opportunities Consortium, P.O. Box 2229, Knoxville, Tenn. Phone: 615-637-4554.

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NEWS ROUNDUP

Good news for New York utilities: Orange & Rockland Utilities' application to reconvert two units of its Lovett plant to coal has received formal acceptance of New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. James F. Smith, chairman, cautioned that while this is not actual approval of the project, it is "a long stride, not just a step" toward the goal of using American coal in place of OPEC oil. "The acceptance is important because our application must now be processed in accordance with an explicit schedule leading to approval or rejection of the project," the chief executive added. The utility has been working intensively for more than two years in its effort to reduce oil imports by 3.5-million barrels a year. The switch to coal could save O&R customers up to \$100-million a year in fuel costs. Other utilities in the state have run into similar delays in their efforts to use coal.

The Energy Department confirmed that coal production reached a record high in 1980 at 835-million tons. Coal's share of total energy output rose to 29.1 percent against 27.6 percent in 1979. The agency's Energy Information Administration also reported that U.S. consumption of oil fell by 1.7-million barrels a day, dropping to 6.8-million barrels each day. Consumption of foreign oil fell by 5.8 percent to 39.9 percent of total energy needs, the lowest level since 1975. At the same time, per capita energy consumption dropped to an average 343-million B.t.u., its lowest level also since 1975.

Exxon looks for the decline in demand for oil to slow down this year to something like 1 to 2 percent. Jack F. Bennett, vice president and chief financial officer, told Atlanta security analysts that the estimate was based on the company's expectations of a 2½ to 3 percent increase in this year's GNP.

The lengthening coal strike is beginning to force spot market prices to rise. The Wall Street Journal reported price hikes of \$2 a ton for steam coal and as much as \$4 to \$7 a ton for metallurgical coal. There

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UMW Said Willing to Reword Demands

'Crack' Appears in Strike Impasse

By STEVE MARCY

WASHINGTON — A hairline crack or two appeared late last week in the coal strike negotiating impasse, but there was no indication that the talks would break open wide enough to settle the strike anytime soon.

While unwilling to abandon any of the 7 demands that the United Mine Workers bargaining team feels duty-bound to present to the soft coal operators, the union is willing to reword them a little.



LONGWALL & BERGBAU go together like sauerkraut and wurst in Germany.

Instead of requiring that construction and other subcontracted work be done by firms employing UMW members, the union might instead settle for guarantees that work done by subcontractors — whether employing UMW members or not — have the same wage and benefit scales as those enjoyed by the miners. This would prevent the wages of UMW members being adversely affected through subcontractors employing workers at lower pay than received by miners.

One union source admitted that the UMW was placing an emphasis on being more conciliatory, but he refused to confirm which, if any, of the 7 proposals had been modified or softened to make them more palatable to the Bituminous Coal Operators Association.

Chief BCOA negotiator B.R. Brown told reporters during a break in the talks at midweek that "things are getting serious." Union President Sam Church indicated that "some progress" was being made.

With union sources insisting that

negotiations still centered on the same 7 demands that the UMW brought to the bargaining table in early April, Brown's comment is far more conciliatory than his earlier protestations that the demand were "unrealistic."

Prospects for the talks may have brightened enough that even slight setbacks have become disappointing. When Brown left the bargaining table for a lunch break late last week, he responded when pressed by a reporter if the talks were still serious: "I think so."

With the UMW apparently adopting a more flexible posture, the talks appeared seriously frustrating to Church. Leaving the same session, Church told reporters: "You ought to be out in wonderful Washington, D.C., looking for some news. There's certainly none here."

Sessions last Wednesday and Thursday were thought to have concerned provisions on the contract's scope, which includes the subcontracting issues. However, union sources refused to confirm which of the 7 provisions had actually been discussed.

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AMC Convention Adjourns With General Optimism

By GENE SMITH

The American Mining Congress Coal Convention in St. Louis heard some mighty favorable reports from Reagan Administration spokesmen regarding coal.

Interior Secretary James Watt told Monday's opening session that the industry can look forward to an increase in Federal acreage available for leasing, as well as a return to the states of authority to regulate mining and reclamation of mined land.

It also became obvious that coal port dredging programs are definitely in the works. All that remains is the actual method of financing these giant projects. The head of the Senate Coal Caucus, J. John Heinz III, Rep.-Pa., indicated in absentia he supported "the Federal role"

in port dredging, while Rep. G. William Whitehurst, Rep.-Va., said he and his Virginia colleagues were "taking a further look... with an eye towards curbing Federal expenditures, perhaps via the user-fee approach."

There is also the question of the possible use of "fast track" legislation to speed efforts, but it does not seem to have the support of the White House.

Behind the scenes, there was an air of general optimism for coal long-term, although the topic of the continuing strike was always heard whenever attendees gathered anywhere in St. Louis. There is a growing feeling that, unless there is some unexpected speed up in negotiations, there will be no settlement before late July or early August at the soonest.

SRC Projects in Deep Trouble; Death Knells May Sound as Financial Problems Mount

By PAUL FEINE

WASHINGTON — Obituaries may be premature, but the two long-awaited solvent-refined coal plants now weaker than ever in their tenuous grasp on life, and the death knells may soon sound.

Both the SRC-1 and SRC-2 projects are in deep trouble, each for a number of reasons; some similar, some peculiar to one plan or the other. The factors common to both include massive and increasing cost overruns, declining government interest in supporting projects that should (under the new economic policies espoused by the Reagan administration) be

supported by private venture capital, the rapidly rising costs of financing any new capital-intensive energy projects, and costly extensions of the timetables for completion and operation of the plants involved.

Of the problems each project has encountered on its own, those of the SRC-1 plant, to be built in Newman, Kentucky, by International Coal Refining, Inc., an affiliate of Wheelabrator-Frye, Inc., have appeared to be less severe, but only by degree.

Until very recently, this half of the SRC family was given a better chance for sur-

vival than its sibling, but with the latest financial figures on both projects, which appeared two weeks ago, it now seems almost certain that neither plant will be built.

The latest cost estimates gave heartburn to even the staunchest supporters of the SRC projects.

For SRC-1, the "official" estimate of total plant costs has risen from \$2.3-billion in December, 1979 to \$4.4-billion in less than 18 months — and these are the figures endorsed by the sponsor, ICR.

Even as this dismal news was being

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CINews' T.W. KIENLEN FINDS Burlington Northern and Union Pacific expect to ship 20-million more tons of coal this year. (Page 6)

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SPECIAL PROBLEMS FACING longwall mining in Nova Scotia discussed by Canadian executive. (Page 9)

FACTS & FIGURES

Domestic

	5/2/81	Week Ended 4/25/81	5/3/80
Production			
Bituminous, recent week	8,570	8,535	16,890
Bituminous, year to date	252,950	244,380	279,021
Anthracite, recent week	130	125	76
Anthracite, year to date	2,040	1,910	1,744

	5/2/81	Week Ended 4/25/81	5/3/80
Railroad carloadings			
Bituminous, recent week	61,244	60,972	115,208
Bituminous, year to date	1,764,539	1,703,295	1,909,940
Anthracite, recent week	648	506	463
Anthracite, year to date	4,952	4,304	8,739

Production data in thousands of short tons.
Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy, Energy Information Administration - Weekly Coal Reports.

	Week Ended 4/25/81	4/18/81	4/28/80
Production by states, bituminous and lignite			
Eastern			
Alabama	45	40	548
Georgia	—	1	2
Illinois	75	85	1,226
Indiana	230	248	523
Kentucky	1,204	1,129	2,272
Western	495	510	885
Total, Ky.	1,699	1,639	3,157
Maryland	60	55	64
Ohio	340	330	906
Pennsylvania	455	410	2,015
Tennessee	210	195	288
Virginia	550	535	908
West Virginia	40	37	2,035
Total, eastern	3,704	3,575	11,670

	Week Ended 4/25/81	4/18/81	4/28/80
Western			
Alaska	15	16	15
Arizona	210	225	226
Arkansas	10	11	13
Colorado	365	410	379
Iowa	10	—	11
Kansas	20	23	10
Missouri	99	105	138
Montana	605	617	787
New Mexico	295	290	296
North Dakota	345	360	287

	92	94	104
Oklahoma	640	615	424
Texas	239	228	139
Utah	96	94	101
Washington	1,790	1,830	1,821
Wyoming	4,831	4,900	4,551
Total, western	8,535	8,475	16,221

In short tons (000).
Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy, Energy Information Administration - Weekly Coal Report.

	2/1981	1/1981	2/1980
Coal Labor			
All employees	265.9	267.3	251.9
Coal mining	263.6	264.0	258.6
Bituminous & lignite			

	2/1981	1/1981	2/1980
Production employees			
Coal mining	220.8	220.2	217.8
Bituminous & lignite	217.8	217.2	214.9
Hours, weekly average			
Coal mining	41.2	40.9	41.3
Bituminous & lignite	41.2	41.0	41.3

	2/1981	1/1981	2/1980
Earnings, hourly average			
Coal mining	11.17	11.13	10.34
Bituminous & lignite	11.20	11.16	10.36
Earnings, weekly average			
Coal mining	460.20	455.22	427.04
Bituminous & lignite	461.44	457.56	427.87

Source: U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics - Employment and Earnings

	Week Ended 4/25/81	4/18/81	4/28/80
Transportation: railroad			
Eastern district			
Bessemer and Lake Erie	430	333	1,580
Baltimore and Ohio	1,107	541	5,745
Chesapeake and Ohio	1,609	2,052	15,713
Consolidated Rail Corp.	3,143	2,861	9,522
Norfolk and Western	6,211	5,601	17,964
Pittsburgh & Lake Erie	—	72	382
Western Maryland	1,216	1,094	2,197
Other, eastern district	58	15	7
Total, eastern district	13,774	12,569	53,090

	5/2/81	5/2/81	5/2/81
Southern district			
Clinchfield Railroad	623	582	2,596
Illinois Central Gulf	271	351	3,872
Louisville & Nashville	12,219	13,788	13,409
Southern Railway	3,320	3,365	8,399
Other, southern district	2	2	14
Total, southern district	16,475	18,068	28,290

	5/2/81	5/2/81	5/2/81
Western district			
Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe	1,276	924	1,584
Burlington Northern	20,915	21,698	21,025
Chicago & North Western	—	1	549
Denver & Rio Grande Western	3,001	2,890	3,363
Kansas City Southern	101	97	100
Chicago, Mil., St. Paul & Pacific	510	510	972
Missouri-Kansas-Texas	121	88	122
Missouri-Pacific	30	40	4,356
Soo Line	50	58	63
Union Pacific	4,689	3,553	3,909
Other, western district	31	36	4
Total, western district	30,724	29,895	36,047
Total, all districts	60,973	60,552	117,427

	5/2/81	4/25/81	5/3/80
Transportation: inland rivers			
Monongahela River, Lock No.3	21,000	9,500	403,822
Allegheny River, Lock No.2	—	1,400	53,900
Ohio River, Montgomery Lock	28,500	21,500	326,200
In short tons through locks.			
Source: U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers - Pittsburgh District.			

	2/81	1/81	2/80
Domestic and lignite			
Consumption, electric power utilities	47,855	54,276	47,440

	2/81	1/81	2/80
Coal user stocks of coal			
Electric power utilities	170,856	172,151	153,673

	2/81	1/81	2/80
Anthracite			
Consumption, electric power utilities	58	81	72
Coal user stocks of coal			
Electric power utilities	4,859	4,824	3,451
Note: Data given in thousands of short tons.			
Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy, Energy Information Administration - Weekly Coal Report			

	Recent	Previous	Year Ago
Coal User Production			
Major direct users:			
Electric utilities	41,417	40,595	39,475
(Mil. Kwh., 5/2/81)			
Steel (Short tons, thousands, Wk ended, 5/2/81)	2,588	2,600	2,442
Cement, Portland, U.S. shipments (short tons, Feb. 1981)	3,823,778	3,792,666	3,841,804
Other significant output:			
Aluminum (short tons, Mar., 1981)	447,500	404,225	434,280
Passenger car prod., total (Mo. ended, Apr., 1981)	649,793	619,409	576,125
Machine tools:			
Net new orders (\$000, Mar., 1981)	350,750	277,250	528,650
Shipments (\$000, 3/81)	478,600	422,150	480,000

	3/81	2/81	3/80
Price indexes			
Coal	481.3	480.8	480.7
Anthracite	536.6	536.8	435.1
Chestnut, Pa., mine	447.3	447.3	389.4
Buckwheat No. 1, Pa., mine	574.8	574.8	495.8
Bituminous	478.7	478.2	480.6
Domestic sizes	588.5	587.6	577.6
Retail dealers	N.A.	278.0	N.A.
Industrial sizes, spot	400.8	400.4	390.9
Steam electric utility	126.6	125.1	118.8
Manufacturing	252.2	252.2	249.3
Metallurgical, high volatile	704.2	704.2	690.9
Metallurgical, low & medium volatile	696.0	705.9	705.0
Industrial sizes, contract	136.5	136.3	130.9
Steam electric utility	167.1	166.8	155.8
Manufacturing	121.8	120.5	118.2
Metallurgical, high volatile	98.6	99.0	99.4
Coke (foundry by-product)	430.6	430.6	430.6
Birmingham, Ala.	439.6	439.6	439.6
Milwaukee, Wis.	420.4	420.4	420.4
Detroit, Mich.	N.A.	N.A.	423.1
Indianapolis, Ind.	437.7	437.7	437.7
St. Louis, Mo.	286.8	286.8	286.8
Philadelphia, Penna.	285.8	285.8	285.8
N.A. - Not available			

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Exports & Imports

EXPORTS

	Quantity in short tons	Dollar Value	Avg. Value, per short ton
	Feb. 1981	Jan. 1981	Feb. 1980
Bituminous coal, low volatile blends to make cokes, No. 5213110			
Japan	910,597	1,352,536	966,042
Italy	599,666	402,067	233,013
France	425,839	432,927	449,365
Netherlands	377,564	161,811	182,088
Belgium	334,236	130,720	226,898
Spain	309,874	331,073	125,277
Korea, Rep. (South)	292,538	—	97,234
Germany, F.R. (West)	211,893	112,064	129,248
Brazil	173,849	220,007	368,599
Yugoslavia	118,455	—	50,692
United Kingdom	104,006	85,528	184,521
Total, above	3,858,517	3,228,733	2,992,987
Total, other nations	501,856	711,830	592,980
Total, all nations	4,360,373	3,940,563	3,585,967
Bituminous coal, other No. 5213120			
Italy	409,780	129,754	—
France	392,141	365,510	160,693
Germany, F.R. (West)	257,495	63,917	57,800
Denmark	241,419	149,330	—
China, T.	230,687	33,170	—
Finland	176,780	55,802	—
Spain	149,020	141,001	36,683
Korea, Rep. (South)	118,475	—	—
Japan	113,248	177,439	29,560
United Kingdom	109,971	87,114	—
Romania	104,101	—	—
Total, above	2,303,117	1,203,037	284,536
Total, other nations	98,528	583,596	119,343
Total, all nations	2,401,645	1,786,633	403,879
Anthracite No. 5213130			
Feb. 1981	Jan. 1981	Feb. 1980	Feb. 1981
Total, all nations	94,144	67	132,881

	Quantity in short tons	Dollar Value	Avg. Value, per short ton
	Feb. 1981	Jan. 1981	Feb. 1980
Coal, cokes for fuel No. 5213140			
Total, all nations	11,452	79,061	53,363
Competition for fuel No. 5213160			
Total, all nations	2,162	380	5,969
Coal, low volatile, except pool No. 5213180			
Total, all nations	9,946	35,308	60,485
Lignite No. 5213130			
Total, all nations	1,262	2,519	1,112
Coal cokes for use as fuel No. 5213140			
Total, all nations	47,300	94,491	74,432
Petroleum cokes, except blended No. 5213150			
Netherlands	194,586	52,617	115,007
Belgium	122,717	3,316	207,468
France	105,103	—	27,944
Japan	99,254	164,179	66,142
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Total, all nations	40,155	284	835
Anthracite No. 5213170			
Total, all nations	7,663	65,331	49,706

	Quantity in short tons	Dollar Value	Avg. Value, per short ton
	Feb. 1981	Jan. 1981	Feb. 1980
Coal, cokes for use as fuel No. 5213140			
Total, all nations	11,452	79,061	53,363
Competition for fuel No. 5213160			
Total, all nations	2,162	380	5,969
Coal, low volatile, except pool No. 5213180			
Total, all nations	9,946	35,308	60,485
Lignite No. 5213130			
Total, all nations	1,262	2,519	1,112
Coal cokes for use as fuel No. 5213140			
Total, all nations	47,300	94,491	74,432
Petroleum cokes, except blended No. 5213150			
Netherlands	194,586	52,617	115,007
Belgium	122,717	3,316	207,468
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May 21-22 — Governor's Conference on Expanding the Use of Coal in New York State at Empire State Plaza, Albany, N.Y. Information: N.Y. State Consortium for Advanced Coal Research, c/o

Academic Research Development, The Research Foundation of State University of New York, P.O. Box 9, Albany, N.Y. 12201. Telephone: 518-473-1038 or 518-473-7102.

June 8-10 — 1981 Symposium on

Instrumentation and Control for Fossil Energy Processes at San Francisco, Cal., sponsored by Department of Energy, Argonne National Laboratory and Society for Control and Instrumentation for Energy

Processes. Information: Mrs. Miriam L. Holden, Director, Conference Planning & Management, Argonne National Laboratory, Building 362-H309, Argonne, Ill. 60439. Telephone: 312-972-5585.

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UMW Construction Workers Strike Continues

40-50,000 Miners Still Out in Five States

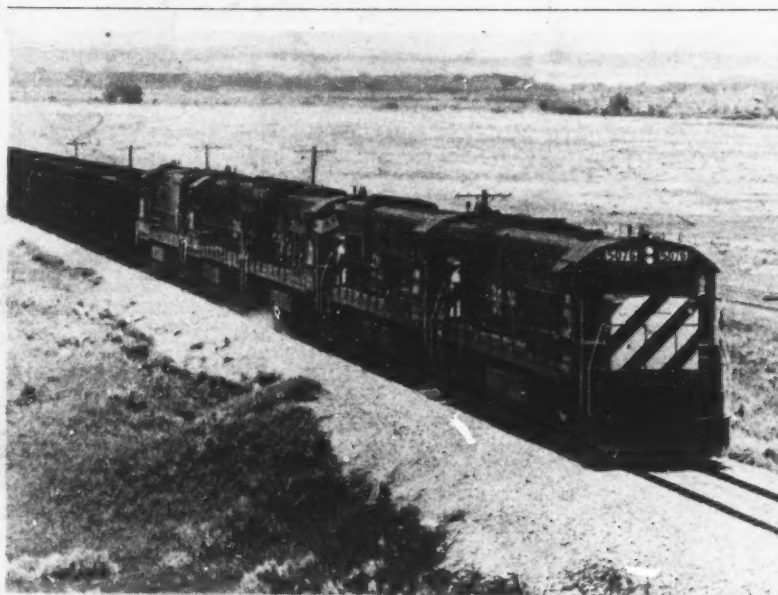
BY PAUL FEINE
and
STEVE MARCY

WASHINGTON — The continuing strike by the construction worker members of the United Mine Workers could be wrapped up sometime this week if — and it's a big if — the mine-construction contractors are willing "to get down to serious bargaining," in the words of Willard Esselstyn, secretary-treasurer of the UMW.

Through late last week, the strike had idled from 40,000 to 50,000 UMW miners in five states who refused to cross picket lines thrown up by their construction-worker brethren. Nearly 180 mines were shutdown, with West Virginia's District 17, Alabama's District 20 and Illinois' District 12 being the hardest hit.

Esselstyn, the UMW's chief negotiator in the talks, admitted at a press conference Thursday that he has only indirect leverage to bring to bear on the Association of Bituminous Contractors — the employers of the UMW construction workers. That leverage is the concern of the mine owners over the lost production at the idled mines. Esselstyn hopes the mine owners, too, will help press the ABC for a settlement.

The miners have just come off their own 72-day strike, but any prospects for full coal production were dashed after only one day.



UNIT COAL TRAINS BEGAN MOVING again last week as the UMW and BCOA reached agreement on 40-month contract ending 72-day strike.

Eager to collect the \$150 bonus specified in the newly ratified contract for those reporting to work on their first scheduled shift after the strike, most miners showed

up at the mines last Monday, but there were clear indications that in many instances, the returning miners knew that the UMW construction workers would only

allow the first day to pass without extensive picketing.

On Tuesday, Consolidation Coal Company estimated that 17 of its 50 coal operations had been shut down by pickets, idling some 6,000 miners. By Wednesday, Consol reported 20 facilities closed, and 8,000 miners affected by the construction workers picket lines.

A Consol official said late last week that the renewed shutdowns had cut the company's coal production by "about 50

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percent," and added that the firm "is concerned, but is not directly involved in the negotiations" between the UMW and the Associated Bituminous Contractors.

While UPI reported Wednesday that 50,000 UMW miners were honoring the construction workers' picket lines, a source at BCOA said the organization's estimate was more on the order of 35,000. He added that "it will probably grow and shift around," observing that some mines not picketed during the first days of the new miners' contract would probably be shut down by week's end, while some other mines could be reopened as construction

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NEWS ROUNDUP

The 10-year moratorium on Federal coal leasing ended with issuance of a lease for an 1,832-acre Wyoming tract. Under Interior Department's Bureau of Land Management's new long-term program, the lease for Seminoe II tract near Hanna went to Capital Development of Lacey, Wash. The tract is estimated to contain about 7.8-million tons of recoverable coal. Its bid of \$167 an acre also calls for payment to the Federal government of a 12.5 percent royalty on the value of coal produced, plus annual rental of \$3 an acre. Before actual mining begins, the company must submit a mining plan within three years. It has 10 years to develop the tract.

Ashland Oil has begun final negotiations with Saarbergwerke A.G. of West Germany for acquisition of 25 percent interest in Ashland Coal for \$102.5-million. Discussions are also continuing with other prospective European purchasers for further interest in Ashland. A second unidentified European company advised Ashland that it could not proceed with the transaction at this time.

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Despite Strike's End

Maverick UCEA Sees Continued Growth

BY MIKE MYER

The Unionized Coal Employers Association, the maverick group of operators formed because of the just-ended United Mine Workers strike, will continue to grow despite the walkout's end, according to UCEA head Jack Henry.

Henry said his organization, which used "crisis moves" in attempts to end the UMW strike, now will settle down to less dramatic work aimed to winning the UMW recognition denied during the strike.

The UCEA also will work toward other goals; specifically promoting coal use through lobbying for incentives for utilities and other industries to use coal and by changing environmental restrictions which have hampered increased coal use, Henry said.

UCEA now has about 120 small- to medium-sized companies as members and has several large producers interested in membership, said Henry. One large firm has said it plans to leave the Bituminous

Coal Operators Association and become a UCEA member, he added.

The organization was formed in the early days of the strike by Henry, president of Riverside Industries of Whitesville, W. Va., who said small- and medium-sized coal firms were not being adequately represented in contract negotiations by the BCOA.

Henry tried to use the UCEA to pressure the BCOA concerning negotiations, and he

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Bergbau 81 Lives Up to Its Billing

BY GENE SMITH

DUSSELDORF — The sprawling fairgrounds here sprang to life with Thursday's opening of Bergbau 81, billed as "the world's largest and most comprehensive minitechnology exposition ever staged."

A quick tour of the exhibits leads one to believe that it has lived up to its billing. This second in what appears likely to become a quinquennial event has attracted 239 exhibitors from 26 nations, including the Soviet Union, Poland, Roumania, Hungary and Czechoslovakia. On display is the latest in mining equipment indoors

and outdoors in 15,495 square meters of space.

Add West Germany's 417 exhibitors and their 49,866 square meters and Bergbau 81 has a total of 656 exhibitors from 27 nations in 65,361 square meters.

Five years ago, the first Bergbau attracted 518 exhibitors from 22 countries. With West Germany's 337, Bergbau 76 occupied 54,967 square meters and attracted 90,500 visitors. Based on advance registrations, attendance this year should top 100,000.

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A WEST VIRGINIA MINER talks of the strike and the UMW in an interview with CInews' Mike Myer. (Page 27)

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Despite Export Decline

Buyers Not Fearful Of Coal Reliability

BY MARCY GORDON
WASHINGTON — Despite a decline in bituminous coal exports during the recent United Mine Workers' strike, the major foreign purchasers of U.S. coal don't seem to be worried about this country's reliability as a supplier.

Many coal importers view UMW strikes as a recurring feature of the U.S. economic landscape, a phenomenon that can be "lived with," an informal survey by Coal Industry News shows.

U.S. coal exports — as measured by quantities in transit from mines and at ports — dropped to roughly one-third of normal levels during the strike, new Department of Energy statistics were expected to show.

But foreign purchasers weren't overly alarmed.

"We've been buying from (the United States) for 30 years and every three years there's a strike. And when it's over everyone forgets about it," says Jack Cook, fossil fuels manager for Ontario Hydro in Toronto, which accounts for most of Canada's purchases of some 20 to 22 million metric tons

per year. "There's certainly no concern in this country about U.S. exports."

A Canadian Embassy official agrees, noting that "there were

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no alarming signs coming from Canada (about the strike)."

"There is some evidence that (U.S.) exports have been protected," a British source suggests, although he acknowledges that the strike showed the "vulnerabilities" of the U.S. coal industry.

"It's certainly not a new theme; I think it would be very easy to exaggerate the impact of the strike," he says, since foreign consumers were cushioned by substantial levels of U.S. coal stocks.

The real limitation on U.S. imports, the British source suggests, could be growing "political sensitivities" about such trade within the United Kingdom — and the belief that its domestic coal industry should become more competitive.

The bulk of Britain's imports

from this country (some 3 to 4 million tons a year) are coking coals requisitioned by the British Steel Corporation and other state-owned enterprises.

Similar sentiments about the strike were expressed by officials from Spain (3.4 million short tons of U.S. bituminous coal imported in 1980) and Brazil (3.2 million) — who stressed the greater impact of market conditions on the level of imports.

The declining proportion of U.S. coal under UMW jurisdiction "may be giving more stability to the (industry)," a source from the latter country suggests.

Questions like these were discussed at an Illinois coal export conference held last week in Carbondale, Ill., in which European and Asian officials participated — along with representatives from U.S. industry, labor and government.

Topics on the agenda included the development of international markets for Illinois coal and its potential as an emergency fuel during energy shortages.

The United States' image as a dependable coal supplier will be maintained, says a DOE analyst, while conceding that the strike had a substantial impact on exports.

Fixed-Price Bids Made On AFBC Coal Facility

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho — The nation's first use of an integrated atmospheric fluidized bed combustor (AFBC) system in an operating coal-fired steam generating plant moved a major step closer to reality with the recent submittal of fixed price bids to the Department of Energy's (DOE) Idaho National Engineering Laboratory (INEL).

Technical design and construction proposals had earlier been requested from a number of qualified companies and three finalists were then asked to submit their firm fixed price bids to EG&G Idaho, Inc., prime operating contractor for the DOE's INEL complex.

The three companies submitting acceptable proposals for the design and construction of the new steam plant were listed as JelCom, of Salt Lake City, Utah (the apparent low bidder); Blount Brothers Corporation, Montgomery, Ala.; and Foster-Wheeler Boiler Corporation, Livingston, N.J.

Facility construction is expected to begin in mid-summer

this year and finish in the summer of 1984.

It is expected to go on-line in July 1984, following extensive start-up and performance testing to assure that the facility's effluent releases are fully within all applicable state and federal air quality standards and limitations.

The facility, will be located at INEL in the Chemical Processing Plant area that is operated for DOE by the Exxon corporation.

Its two coal-fired steam generating boilers will replace aging oil-burning steam generators currently being used by the CPP for process steam and space heating at the rate of 135,000 pounds per hour. Coal has been specified as the plant's fuel source, in agreement with current national policy to reduce the use of oil.

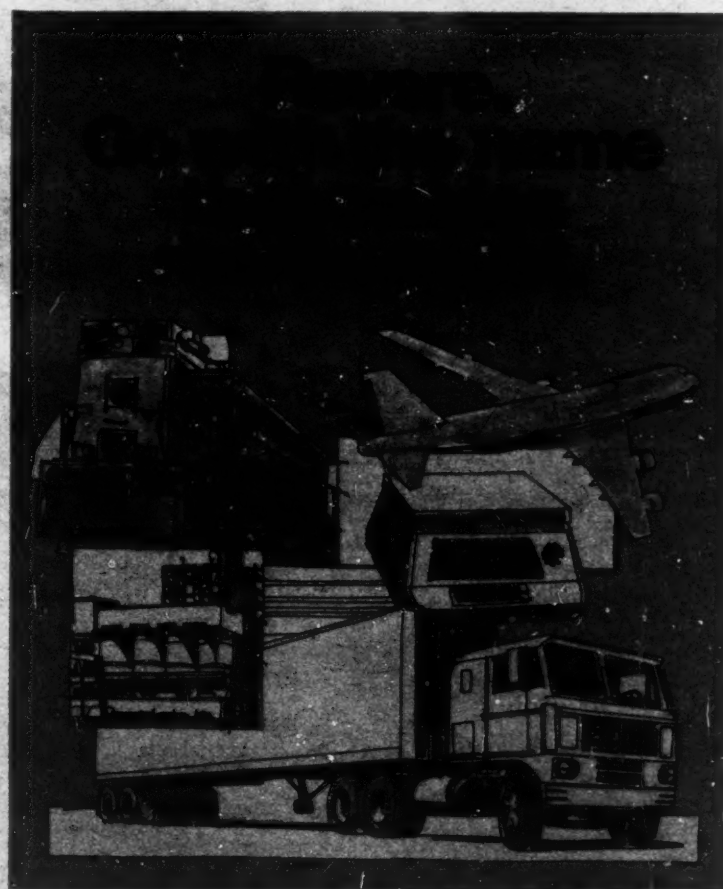
An EG&G Idaho spokesman said that all proposal designs for the project included the AFBC system. This process removes more than 70 percent of the sulfur in coal and minimizes the release of sulfur to the atmosphere.

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U.S. EXPORTS OF BITUMINOUS COAL BY COUNTRIES OF
DESTINATION,
JANUARY 1980 and JANUARY 1981 (in short tons)

Country	January 1981	January 1980
North America		
Canada	64,641	60,534
Mexico	65,935	172,709
Dominican Republic	40	94
TOTAL	130,616	233,337
South America:		
Argentina	85,807	56,031
Brazil	220,007	289,910
Chile	23,489	NA
Peru	38	NA
Uruguay	1,066	NA
Venezuela	23,663	NA
TOTAL	354,070	345,941
Europe:		
Common Market:		
Belgium and Luxembourg*	266,677	142,581
Denmark	222,964	62,737
France	796,437	441,396
West Germany	175,981	276,909
Ireland	89,392	100,309
Italy	531,821	481,063
Netherlands	432,267	218,570
United Kingdom	172,642	184,225
TOTAL	2,690,381	1,909,790
Non-Common Market:		
Albania	NA	24,295
Finland	55,802	NA
East Germany	NA	9,121
Gibraltar	11,836	NA
Norway	5,088	7,663
Portugal	33,349	NA
Rumania	82,516	111,439
Spain	472,074	192,265
Sweden	44,003	52,441
Yugoslavia	NA	150,845
TOTAL	3,375,059	2,457,859
Asia:		
Taiwan	127,331	NA
Japan	1,529,975	1,088,485
Turkey	140,070	90,815
TOTAL	1,797,376	1,179,300
Africa:		
Algeria	NA	42,256
Egypt	47,933	35,159
South Africa	21,942	NA
TOTAL	69,875	75,415
GRAND TOTALS	5,728,996	4,291,832

NOTE: Figures exclude shipments to U.S. military bases.
*Shipments as indicated in vessel manifests upon departure from U.S. ports; include tonnage for transshipments to designated European destinations.
Source: Department of Commerce



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Domestic

Production				Recent Previous Year Ago		
5/30/81	5/23/81	5/31/80				
Bituminous, recent week	8,660	9,050	14,124			
Bituminous, year to date	287,995	279,305	341,679			
Anthracite, recent week	55	58	134			
Anthracite, year to date	2,273	2,218	2,184			
Railroad carloadings						
Bituminous, recent week	62,083	64,642	102,298			
Bituminous, year to date	2,014,891	1,952,808	2,361,090			
Anthracite, recent week	256	318	812			
Anthracite, year to date	6,233	5,977	11,408			
Production data in thousands of short tons.						
Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy Information Administration - Weekly Coal Reports.						
Production by states, bituminous and lignite						
5/23/81	5/16/81	5/24/80				
Alabama	45	42	510			
Georgia	—	—	2			
Illinois	92	81	1,259			
Indiana	227	250	543			
Kentucky:						
Eastern	1,036	964	2,213			
Western	525	510	918			
Total, Ky.	1,561	1,474	3,131			
Maryland	74	75	79			
Ohio	349	360	945			
Pennsylvania	510	445	1,942			
Tennessee	212	195	270			
Virginia	590	575	947			
West Virginia	50	47	2,147			
Total, eastern	3,710	3,544	11,775			
Western:						
Alaska	15	14	15			
Arizona	230	195	222			
Arkansas	13	10	14			
Colorado	425	400	310			
Iowa	11	10	12			
Kansas	18	20	12			
Missouri	111	102	114			
Montana	710	675	777			
New Mexico	275	260	256			
North Dakota	360	393	280			
Transportation: railroad						
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Eastern district						
Bessemer and Lake Erie	536	454	1,412			
Baltimore and Ohio	1,864	1,303	6,122			
Chesapeake and Ohio	2,545	2,869	15,548			
Consolidated Rail Corp.	4,120	4,044	9,765			
Norfolk and Western	5,893	5,431	20,225			
Pittsburgh & Lake Erie	—	—	294			
Western Maryland	1,201	1,320	2,250			
Other, eastern district	36	26	2			
Total, eastern district	16,196	15,247	55,618			
Southern district						
Clinchfield Railroad	429	509	2,226			
Illinois Central Gulf	467	454	3,709			
Louisville & Nashville	12,859	12,774	12,977			
Southern Railway	4,167	4,033	7,907			
Other, southern district	—	—	—			
Total, southern district	17,922	17,771	26,819			
Western district						
Atchafalaya, Topoka & Santa Fe	1,339	1,444	1,547			
Burlington Northern	21,098	20,449	18,708			
Chicago & North Western	1	—	643			
Denver & Rio Grande Western	3,666	3,179	3,421			
Kansas City Southern	111	105	102			
Chicago, Mil., St. Paul & Pacific	6	405	1,166			
Missouri-Kansas-Texas	147	106	173			
Missouri Pacific	35	36	4,506			
Chicago, Rock Is. & Pacific	—	—	—			
Soo Line	70	70	77			
Union Pacific	4,029	3,645	3,629			
Other, western district	22	77	37			
Total, western district	30,524	29,516	34,009			
Total, all districts	64,642	62,534	116,446			
Transportation: inland rivers						
Monongahela River, Nock No. 3	3,600	1,800	335,574			
Allegheny River, Lock No. 2	7,200	5,400	28,100			
Ohio River, Montgomery Lock	70,200	10,100	271,350			
In short tons through locks.						
Source: U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District.						
Bituminous and lignite						
Consumption						
Electric power utilities	48,323	47,856	46,602			
Coal user stocks of coal						
Electric power utilities	179,032	170,856	154,138			
Anthracite						
Consumption						
Electric power utilities	75	58	83			
Coal user stocks of coal						
Electric power utilities	4,951	4,859	3,488			
Note: Data given in thousands of short tons.						
Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy, Energy Information Administration - Weekly Coal Report.						
Price indexes						
4/81	3/81	4/80				
Coal	486.4	481.3	463.3			
Anthracite	543.9	536.6	451.8			
Chestnut, Pa., mine	458.1	447.3	403.9			
Buckwheat No. 1, Pa., mine	592.1	574.8	N.A.			
Bituminous	483.8	478.7	462.8			
Domestic sizes	597.3	588.5	580.7			
Retail dealers	282.6	N.A.	274.7			
Industrial sizes, spot	403.6	400.8	393.6			
Steam electric utility	127.2	126.6	121.2			
Manufacturing	255.3	252.2	250.6			
Metallurgical, high volatile	704.2	704.2	694.7			
Metallurgical, low	710.6	696.0	698.5			
Industrial sizes, contract	138.1	136.5	131.3			
Steam electric utility	170.0	167.1	156.6			
Manufacturing	122.1	121.8	120.0			
Metallurgical, high volatile	98.9	98.6	99.4			
Coke (foundry by-product)	430.6	430.6	430.6			
Birmingham, Ala.	439.6	439.6	439.6			
Milwaukee, Wis.	420.4	420.4	420.4			
Detroit, Mich.	N.A.	N.A.	423.1			
Indianapolis, Ind.	437.7	437.7	437.7			
St. Louis, Missouri	286.3	286.8	286.8			
Philadelphia, Penna.	285.8	285.8	285.8			
N.A. — Not Available						

FACTS & FIGURES

Exports & Imports

EXPORTS				Imports			
Quantity in short tons				Quantity in short tons			
Dollar Value				Dollar Value			
Avg. Value, per short ton				Avg. Value, per short ton			
Feb. 1981	Jan. 1981	Feb. 1980	Feb. 1981	Feb. 1981	Jan. 1981	Feb. 1980	Feb. 1981
Bituminous coal, low volatile blends in make coke, No. 5213110				Coal, suitable for fuel No. 5213140			
Japan	910,597	1,352,536	966,042	Total, all nations	11,452	79,061	53,383
Italy	599,666	402,067	233,013				
France	425,839	432,927	449,365	Compositions for fuel No. 5213150			
Netherlands	377,564	161,811	162,098	Total, all nations	2,162	380	5,969
Belgium	334,236	130,720	226,898				
Spain	309,874	331,073	125,277	Coal, incl. lignite, except peat No. 5213180			
Korea, Rep. (South)	292,538	—	97,234	Total, all nations	9,946	35,308	60,485
Germany, F.R. (West)	211,893	112,064	129,248				
Brazil	173,849	220,007	368,599	Lignite No. 5213130			
Yugoslavia	118,455	—	50,692	Total, all nations	1,262	2,519	1,112
United Kingdom	104,006	85,528	184,521				
Total, above	3,858,517	3,228,733	2,992,967	Coal coke for use as fuel No. 5213148			
Total, other nations	501,856	711,630	582,960	Total, all nations	47,300	94,491	74,432
Total, all nations	4,360,373	3,940,363	3,585,947				
Bituminous coal, other No. 5213120				Petroleum coke, except acid No. 5213150			
Italy	409,780	129,754	—	Netherlands	194,586	52,617	115,007
France	392,141	365,510	160,693	Belgium	122,717	3,316	207,468
Germany, F.R. (West)	257,495	63,917	57,600	France	105,103	—	27,944
Denmark	241,419	149,330	—	Japan	99,254	164,179	66,142
China, T.	230,687	33,170	—	Total, above	521,660	220,112	416,561
Finland	176,780	55,802	—	Total, other nations	64,945	52,996	86,454
Spain	149,020	141,001	36,683	Total, all nations	586,605	273,108	505,015
Korea, Rep. (South)	118,475	—	—				
Japan	113,248	177,439	29,560	Compositions for fuel No. 5213160			
United Kingdom	109,971	87,114	—	Total, all nations	40,155	284	835
Romania	104,101	—	—				
Total, above	2,303,117	1,203,037	284,536	Anthracite No. 5213170			
Total, other nations	98,528	583,596	119,343	Total, all nations	7,683	65,331	49,706
Total, all nations	2,401,645	1,786,633	403,879				
Bituminous coal No. 5213120							
Total, all nations	94,144	67	132,881				

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June 11-17 — Bergbau '81, World's Largest International Mining Exhibition, Dusseldorf, West Germany.

June 14-16 — National Coal Association's 64th Anniversary Convention, Marriott

Pavilion Hotel, St. Louis, Mo. Information: Ralph B. Harry, Coal Building, 1130 17th St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036. Telephone: 202-463-2632.

June 16-19 — 2d International Energy Symposium — World's

Fair Energy Expo 82, Knoxville, Tenn. Information: Dr. Sheila McCullough, Energy Opportunities Consortium, P.O. Box 2229, Knoxville, Tenn. Phone: 615-637-4554.

June 22-23 — Independent Oil

Refiners & Producers: How to Prosper Under Decontrol, a working conference sponsored by The Oil Daily and American Petroleum Refiners Association at Whitehall Hotel, Houston, Tex. Information:

The Oil Daily, 850 Third Ave., New York, N.Y. 10022. Telephone: 212-593-2100.

July 7-8 — Symposium on "The Management Impact of the Coal Energy Option" at Chicago Marriott Hotel.

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NEWS ROUNDUP

Electric utility customers in 6 regions could be faced with unreliable electrical service this Summer, according to DOE's report on estimated electric demand and supply. The six regions are: Allegheny Power System, Commonwealth Edison, VACAR (Virginia, Carolinas), CAPCO (Ohio, Pennsylvania), Cincinnati-Dayton group and Northern California-Nevada. Planned reserves range from 1.2 percent for Northern California-Nevada to 62.8 percent for American Electric Power.

Virginia Electric & Power has reached final agreement on its plan to sell at least 40 percent of a \$1.6-billion Bath County pumped storage project to Allegheny Power. Three generating units are scheduled to begin service in late 1985 and another three in mid-1986.

The nation's electric utilities will have to raise some \$95-billion from outside sources to finance its construction programs over the next five years, according to William McCollam, president of Edison Electric Institute. This would be 60 percent of the total budget of \$155-billion. Officials travelled to London and Riyadh in an effort to re-establish relations with the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency that has provided loans in the past to American utilities.

Beleagued Conrail recorded a profit of nearly \$10-million in May. L. Stanley Crane, chairman and chief executive, told the Senate Commerce Committee. He added that the 17,000-mile, Federally-subsidized railroad would probably show a profit for the second quarter despite loss of revenue from coal-hauling. This would only be the road's second quarterly profit ever, the first came in the second

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The Strike:

Finally It's All Settled

By PAUL FEINE

WASHINGTON — The 1981 chapter in coal industry labor-management relations drew to a close last Wednesday night, ending with little fanfare and far less public attention than had been focused on the miners' strike since its beginning 90 days earlier.

Late Wednesday evening, it was apparent that the members of United Mine Workers of America construction crew locals had ratified overwhelmingly a new

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Japan, West Germany and United States Drop Out

SRC-2 Venture Now Abandoned

By NICK SNOW

WASHINGTON — The three countries participating in the SRC-2 coal liquefaction project planned for West Virginia are dropping out of the venture.

Representatives of Japan, West Germany and the United States issued a communique here last Wednesday following the latest meeting of on the project saying they are withdrawing their support.

A Gulf Oil Corp. spokesman, reached by telephone in Pittsburgh, said that the company, which was the major private U.S. sponsor, was not surprised by the decision since the federal government privately indicated earlier that this was one possible option.

But he noted that the three countries' joint communique recognizes the value of the project.

"Gulf also recognizes that value and believes the process to be technologically feasible. We will examine ways to continue development of the technology with our partners in SRC International," he said.

The action also drew a response from West Virginia Gov. Jay Rockefeller, who said Wednesday that "the decision announced today was wrong — not just for West Virginia but for the entire country."

Phil Shimer, Rockefeller's project manager for SRC-2, said it was "premature" to say the project was ac-

tually dead. He indicated the State of West Virginia might become involved as a participant, although no commitment has been received from Gulf.

He said that even if SRC-2 dies, the state is interested in a subsequent synthetic fuels project for the Morgantown site.

The proposed 10-year project involved the design and construction of a plant capable of converting 6,000 tons per day of high sulfur coal into a liquid substitute for petroleum. The project's net costs were estimated last year at \$1.4-billion, although recent estimates indicated very substantial increases, according to a

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FATE OF SRC-1 PROJECT, (model above), to be constructed at Newman, Ky., remains up in the air, pending

Congressional budget review. Reagan Administration's attitude towards synfuels program threatens future.

Court Strip-Mine Decision Allows Leeway

By STEVE MARCY

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court unanimously affirmed June 15 the Federal government's right to require the return of strip-mined land to its approximate original contour and the restoration of prime farm land to its pre-mining productivity, but the decision doesn't order the government to invoke those requirements.

And indications are that the government probably won't.

One reason Justice Thurgood Marshall, writing the opinion for the 9-0 court, said it could not rule that the contour provisions

denied the appellees their most economic post-mining use of the land was their failure to even apply for the allowed variances from those provisions.

"There is no indication in the record," Marshall wrote, "that appellees have availed themselves of the opportunities provided by the (Surface Mining and Reclamation) Act to obtain administrative relief by requesting either a variance from the approximate original contour requirement . . . or a waiver from the surface mining restrictions . . ."

"If appellees were to seek admin-

istrative relief under these procedures, a mutually acceptable solution might well be reached with regard to individual properties, thereby obviating any need to address the constitutional questions."

At least on the last point can Marshall and the Mining and Reclamation Council of America probably agree, especially since the advent of the Reagan Administration.

MARC spokesman Dan Gerkin noted that the surface mining act rules promulgated by the Office of Surface Mining

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Conrail May Get Million Ton Export Coal Contract

By ROBERT E. BEDINGFIELD

While Congress, the White House and various lobbying interests debate the future of Conrail, the Federally-subsidized railroad appears about to become the beneficiary of at least a million ton share of the growing export coal market.

It is expected by coal people that now the strike is over that as many as three contracts, each for 350,000 tons of coal for export to European and Asian Buyers via Port Reading in Woodbridge, N.J., will be finalized with Conrail.

Under the contracts, supposed to be in the works, the coal would be shipped by Dec. 1 over Conrail's lines to Port Reading where it would be transferred to barges for transshipment to ocean-going vessels elsewhere in New York Harbor because Port Reading can not accommodate them. The cost of the barge movement would be offset partly or wholly by the fact that the largest of colliers could be served and there would be no waiting in line as is the case of Chesapeake System and Norfolk &

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Domestic

	6/13/81	Weekly 6/6/81	6/14/80		121	112	119
Production				Oklahoma	706	660	533
Bituminous, recent week	12,905	9,295	17,680	Texas	260	240	139
Bituminous, year to date	310,195	297,290	376,784	Utah	102	95	107
Anthracite, recent week	129	120	152	Washington	2,175	2,030	1,883
Anthracite, year to date	2,522	2,393	2,455	Wyoming	5,522	5,161	4,817
Railroad carloadings				Total, western	9,295	8,690	17,434
Bituminous, recent week	92,175	66,401	122,796	Total, United States			
Bituminous, year to date	2,173,467	2,081,292	2,805,023				
Anthracite, recent week	536	501	921				
Anthracite, year to date	7,270	6,734	13,049				

Production data in thousands of short tons.
Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy, Energy Information Administration - Weekly Coal Reports.

	6/6/81	Weekly 5/30/81	6/7/80
Production by states, bituminous and lignite			
Alabama	48	47	521
Georgia	—	—	2
Illinois	84	80	1,354
Indiana	232	217	508
Kentucky:			
Eastern	1,001	938	2,449
Western	558	518	942
Total, Ky.	1,559	1,456	3,391
Maryland	74	68	99
Ohio	335	313	1,048
Pennsylvania	521	490	2,060
Tennessee	289	250	265
Virginia	595	560	1,029
West Virginia	56	48	2,342
Total, eastern	9,295	8,690	17,434

	Week 5/6/81	Week 5/30/81	Week 5/7/80
Western			
Alaska	19	16	17
Arizona	223	209	231
Arkansas	19	16	14
Colorado	418	395	344
Iowa	9	10	14
Kansas	19	21	15
Missouri	112	105	117
Montana	686	640	799
New Mexico	270	255	316
North Dakota	381	357	389

	3/81	Monthly 2/81	3/80
Coal Labor			
All employees	270.6	266.7	262.3
Coal mining	267.3	263.3	259.1
Production employees			
Coal mining	223.5	220.3	217.7
Bituminous & lignite	220.6	217.3	214.9
Hours, weekly average			
Coal mining	36.8	41.0	40.5
Bituminous & lignite	36.8	41.1	40.5
Earnings, hourly average			
Coal mining	11.35	11.22	10.52
Bituminous & lignite	11.38	11.25	10.55
Earnings, weekly average			
Coal mining	417.68	460.02	426.06
Bituminous & lignite	418.78	462.38	427.28

Source: U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics - Employment and Earnings.

	Week 5/6/81	Week 5/30/81	Week 5/7/80
Transportation: railroad			
Eastern district			
Baltimore and Ohio	2,259	1,851	7,287
Chesapeake and Ohio	3,555	2,212	17,536
Consolidated Rail Corp.	3,668	3,307	9,268
Norfolk and Western	6,806	6,292	20,519
Pittsburgh & Lake Erie	—	—	409
Western Maryland	1,543	703	2,818
Other, eastern district	—	11	170
Total, eastern district	18,296	14,764	59,195

	3/81	Monthly 2/81	3/80
Southern district			
Clinchfield Railroad	378	383	2,390
Illinois Central Gulf	502	335	4,106
Louisville & Nashville	13,261	12,308	14,451
Southern Railway	3,991	4,240	7,681
Other, southern district	1	11	11
Total, southern district	18,133	17,266	28,639
Western district			
Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe	1,017	989	1,692
Burlington Northern	20,419	21,351	18,831
Chicago & North Western	—	—	685
Denver & Rio Grande Western	3,365	2,626	3,402
Kansas City Southern	105	115	107
Chicago, Mil., St. Paul & Pacific	629	566	1,144
Missouri-Kansas-Texas	111	114	139
Missouri Pacific	—	5	4,093
Soo Line	65	68	19
Union Pacific	4,148	4,096	3,244
Other, western district	113	123	42
Total, western district	29,972	30,053	33,398
Total, all districts	66,401	62,083	121,232

	Week 6/13/81	Week 5/30/81	Week 5/7/80
Transportation: inland rivers			
Monongahela River, Lock no. 3	81,270	5,400	331,412
Allegheny River, Lock no. 2	3,000	—	29,700
Ohio River, Montgomery Lock	47,500	72,000	237,700

In short tons through locks.
Source: U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District.

	4/81	Monthly 3/81	4/80
Bituminous & lignite			
Consumption			
Electric power utilities	43,604	43,323	40,622
Coal user stocks of coal			
Electric power utilities	163,859	179,032	162,284
Other			
Electric power utilities	73	75	71
Coal user stocks of coal			
Electric power utilities	5,035	4,951	3,533
Note: Data given in thousands of short tons.			
Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy, Energy Information Administration - Weekly Coal Report.			

	Recent	Previous	Yr. Ago
Coal User Production			
Major direct users: (Weekly)			
Electric utilities			
(Mil. Kwh., 6/13/81)	47,615	44,904	42,625
Steel (Short tons, 000)			
Week ended, 6/13/81	2,456	2,487	1,780
Cement, Portland, U.S. shipments			
(short tons, Month, 3/81)	5,524,914	3,823,778	4,591,984
Other significant output: (Monthly)			
Aluminum (short tons, 5/81)	441,356	431,189	437,938
Motor vehicle production,			
total (5/81)	662,013	649,794	524,609
Machine tools:			
Net new orders			
(\$000, 4/81)	307,600	344,700	411,900
Shipments			
(\$000, 4/81)	450,150	477,100	343,050

	4/81	Monthly 3/81	4/80
Price indexes			
Coal	487.7	486.4	464.8
Anthracite	553.0	543.9	451.8
Chestnut, Pa., mine	471.7	458.1	403.9
Buckwheat No. 1, Pa., mine	617.8	592.1	515.5
Bituminous	484.8	483.8	464.3
Domestic sizes	597.3	597.3	580.7
Retail dealers	282.6	282.6	274.7
Industrial sizes, spot	405.0	403.6	394.7
Steam electric utility	128.2	127.2	120.9
Manufacturing	257.2	255.3	250.9
Metallurgical, high volatile	704.2	704.2	698.5
Metallurgical, low volatile	710.6	710.6	703.0
Industrial sizes, contract	138.3	138.1	131.8
Steam electric utility	170.3	170.0	157.5
Manufacturing	123.1	122.1	120.0
Metallurgical, high volatile	98.9	98.9	99.4
Coke (foundry by-product)	468.5	430.6	430.6
Birmingham, Ala.	485.2	439.6	439.6
Milwaukee, Wis.	470.8	420.4	420.4
Detroit, Mich.	N.A.	N.A.	423.1
Indianapolis, Ind.	484.3	437.7	437.7
St. Louis, Missouri	N.A.	286.8	286.8
Philadelphia, Penna.	315.6	285.8	285.8
N.A. - Not available			

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	Quantity in short tons			Dollar Value			Avg. Value, per short ton			Quantity in short tons			Dollar Value			Avg. Value, per short ton													
	Quantity			Dollar Value			Avg. Value, Per Short Ton			Apr. '81	Mar. '81	Apr. '80	Apr. '81	Mar. '81	Apr. '80	Apr. '80	Apr. '81	Mar. '81	Apr. '80										
Bituminous coal, low volatile blends to make coke, #5213110	4/81	3/1981	4/1980	4/81	3/1981	4/1980	4/1981	3/1981	4/1980	Coal coke for use as fuel #5213148																			
Japan	1,089,552	2,002,773	1,986,248	58,616,736	110,254,744	114,573,702	53.80	55.05	58.27	Total, all nations										111,679	124,512	244,584	6,095,179	7,647,872	15,428,860	54.58	61.42	63.08	
Canada	940,703	212,908	844,482	55,580,371	11,295,635	48,398,365	59.06	53.05	57.31	Petroleum coke, except coloidal #5213150																			
France	393,586	671,019	418,688	19,587,149	34,413,790	23,015,180	48.77	51.29	55.23	Total, all nations										101,479	657	193	5,405,400	33,450	9,800	53.27	50.91	50.78	
Italy	372,889	820,943	574,983	20,550,425	31,988,330	30,324,268	55.11	51.53	52.74	France																			
Netherlands	278,176	383,318	267,378	16,099,437	20,971,508	13,689,482	57.88	54.71	47.57	Total, other nations																			
Brazil	265,525	346,907	93,228	15,061,304	18,707,430	5,183,212	58.72	53.93	55.80	Total, all nations										563,118	484,772	420,304	26,462,211	22,572,508	15,719,933	46.99	48.57	37.40	
Korea Rep. (South)	198,638	63,855	—	11,554,052	3,955,832	—	58.17	61.95	—	Total, all nations										548	11,296	25,559	78,350	510,811	793,164	139.32	45.22	31.03	
Belgium	197,519	305,705	188,035	10,555,758	18,483,439	7,723,749	53.44	60.40	46.52	Australia #5213176																			
Denmark	182,016	32,963	77,520	7,771,857	1,478,802	3,751,228	47.97	44.86	48.39	Korea, Rep. (South)										97,585	68,055	28,154	2,854,233	2,069,624	835,222	29.25	30.41	29.67	
Spain	160,294	219,151	220,421	8,407,185	11,061,636	11,183,723	52.45	53.21	50.74	Total, other nations										69,460	48,012	116,493	4,397,324	2,946,028	7,563,255	63.31	64.03	64.92	
Total, above	4,058,906	4,859,543	4,846,982	223,784,376	283,198,147	257,822,906	55.13	54.16	55.48	Total, all nations										167,045	114,067	114,647	7,251,557	5,015,652	8,398,477	43.41	43.97	58.06	
Total, other nations	504,289	1,259,886	890,082	28,594,229	67,494,545	44,430,023	52.74	53.57	49.92	Compositions for fuel #5213180																			
Total, all nations	4,563,175	6,119,429	5,737,064	250,358,605	350,692,692	302,252,932	54.87	54.04	54.59	Bituminous coal #5213128																			
Bituminous coal, other #5213120										South Africa										53,595	67,153	59,973	1,809,379	1,612,343	1,284,775	33.76	24.01	21.42	
Argentina	977,793	—	—	48,020,887	—	—	47.07	—	—	Total, All nations										53,740	67,193	60,021	1,815,409	1,613,826	1,288,777	33.78	24.02	21.47	
France	682,490	453,986	250,301	26,198,701	18,395,875	8,248,049	38.38	40.52	32.94	Coke, suitable for fuel #5213140																			
Netherlands	411,083	652,037	144,997	19,747,334	29,989,945	5,910,244	48.04	45.99	40.78	Total, all nations										60,604	23,521	56,288	6,391,479	2,084,133	3,487,367	105.46	88.61	61.96	
Japan	318,919	403,500	31,039	15,948,085	18,083,625	1,810,375	47.19	44.94	57.22	Total, all nations																			
Italy	213,936	328,535	—	8,060,988	14,177,344	—	37.80	43.92	—	Compositions for fuel #5213160																			
Spain	203,900	351,933	127,794	8,895,484	15,324,899	5,082,271	43.63	43.54	39.78	Total, all nations																			
Denmark	203,221	406,613	45,901	7,912,102	17,706,780	1,803,285	38.93	43.55	39.29	Coal, incl. lignite except peat #5213186																			
Germany, F.R. (West)	199,061	331,008	47,307	8,959,185	18,899,742	2,424,689	44.87	51.06	51.25	Total, all nations										8,812	9,381	3,224	391,946	400,186	125,747	44.48	42.86	39.00	
China, T.	97,109	122,970	49	4,026,740	4,858,988	1,944	41.47	39.51	39.57	Total, all nations																			
Total, above	3,308,112	3,048,562	847,982	144,870,506	135,447,198	25,278,837	43.79	44.43	39.01	Total, all nations																			
Total, other nations	227,544	425,229	1,229,213	10,280,875	18,541,538	50,307,473	45.18	43.80	40.93	Total, all nations																			
Total, all nations	3,535,656	3,473,791	1,877,201	155,151,181	153,988,736	75,586,310	43.88	44.33	40.27	Total, all nations																			
Lignite #5213130										Total, all nations																			
Total, all nations	5,059	2,835	3,582	1,018,912	503,089	554,214	201.41	177.45	154.29	Total, all nations																			

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NEWS ROUNDUP

Coal boosted its share of thermal electricity generation in 1980, according to preliminary data from Edison Electric Institute's 1980 Statistical Year Book. Coal's share rose to 58 percent from 54.8 percent in 1979, while fuel oil slipped from 15.4 to 12.2 percent. Gas and nuclear remained steady at 17.3 and 12.5 percent respectively. Installed generating capacity increased less than 2.5 percent in the year and the nationwide reserve dropped to 28.3 from 35.6 percent. Revenues for the investor-owned utilities rose by 19 percent to over \$76-billion.

CSX earnings for the second quarter — which included all but four days of the coal strike — plummeted to \$37-million from \$75.9-million in the like period of 1980. First-half earnings of the company that holds Chessie System and Family Line railroads slipped to \$124.8-million from \$131-million a year earlier, as coal traffic was off 10 percent. Prime F. Osborn, chairman, and Hays T. Watkins, president, said that with the coal miners' strike ended, "CSX's rail units are prepared to handle the predicted surge in coal traffic. Export market demand, combined with the domestic utility companies' need to rebuild stockpiles, indicates high coal loadings for the remainder of the year. We remain optimistic about the remainder of 1981. If it goes as planned another record year is within CSX's grasp," the two commented.

Despite a record loss of \$1.27-billion last year, Britain's state-owned British Steel Corporation should return to profitability "in the not-too-distant future," Ian MacGregor, chairman, said, adding: "The weakness of steel prices throughout Europe is caused by a persistent excess of steel production in several countries and remains a major threat to the achievement of B.S.C.'s return to profitability." MacGregor said the company's work force had been cut by 45,000 to 120,900 at present. The company has just about regained its pre-strike domestic market share of 54 percent and is aiming to boost exports.

The nation's railroads were granted their second "automatic" freight rate increase under the deregulation law that went into effect last October. The latest boost of 2.8 percent was based on the rail-cost index and reflected higher costs since mid-May and anticipated higher expenses

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Giant Du Pont-Conoco Merger

Consol Coal's Future Studied

By GENE SMITH

The fate of the nation's second largest coal producer, Consolidation Coal Company, hangs in the balance of Du Pont Company's \$7-billion takeover of Conoco.

This would be the largest corporate merger in history and would link Du Pont, the nation's top chemical company and 15th largest industrial concern, with Conoco, the 9th largest oil company and 14th largest in the Fortune 500.

The merged company would have annual revenues of about \$32-billion, which would move it up to No. 7 on the Fortune 500.

Still unknown is what action, if any, Seagram Company may take now that the Conoco board has accepted Du Pont's offer as a means of averting the unwanted advances of Seagram. The Canadian distiller had earlier offered \$73 a share for 41 percent of Conoco. That offer caused the collapse of friendly talks Conoco was having with Cities Service, the nation's 19th largest oil company.

(In a separate development, Consolidation Coal has formed a joint venture and long-term sales agreement with

Rheinbraun, one of Germany's major coal companies, for development of five un-



RALPH E. BAILEY
... sets merger

derground mines in Southwestern Pennsylvania. See story Page One)

The Du Pont offer is for \$87.50 a share for 40 percent of Conoco's stock and 1.6 shares of Du Pont for each remaining Conoco share. Du Pont also has the option to purchase 15.9-million unissued shares of Conoco at \$87.50 each. Cost of the 34.4-million issued Conoco shares would be about \$3-billion, a sum that Du Pont will borrow from a group of banks headed by Chase Manhattan.

The transaction would also require about 84-million shares of Du Pont. The company presently has about 156-million shares outstanding.

Analysts have estimated the value of Conoco's oil reserves at about \$3-billion, which has led to speculation that Du Pont might consider selling off Consolidation Coal to repay the bank loans. That would leave Du Pont with about \$10-billion of oil and gas reserves of Conoco.

Several analysts indicated belief that resale of other pieces of Conoco, notably its copper and uranium, might also be in the offing since they would not fit into the Du Pont scheme of things.

A special stockholder meeting of Du
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"Christmas in July"

Western States Hail High Court Decision on Coal Severance Tax

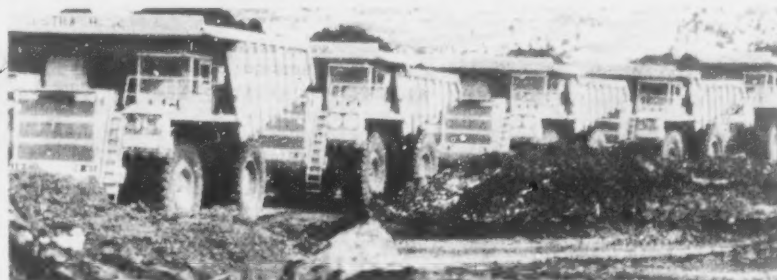
By WILLIAM RITZ

DENVER — The Supreme Court's decision upholding Montana's severance tax on coal came like Christmas in July to governors of Rocky Mountain states.

Unbridled joy swept state capitols as the governors basked in the glow of their legal triumph, but they remained cautiously aware that there are more battles to be fought over severance taxes in the halls of Congress.

"There's no way in Denver you can sense the expectation, the waiting, the frustrations we've all shared in waiting for that decision," said Montana Gov. Ted Schwinden in a telephone interview after the decision.

"It was nail-biting time. We feel real good right now," Schwinden said. "I can't



TRUCKLOADS OF WESTERN COAL move out of giant Colorado open pit mine. Rocky Mountain states got big boost from Supreme Court.

think of a greater way to celebrate the Fourth of July."

"I'm just overjoyed," said Wyoming Gov. Ed Herschler, who called the deci-

sion a victory for states over profit-minded utilities.

Western governors "heaved a collective
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Consol to Develop 5 New Mines In West German Joint Venture

PITTSBURGH — A major international coal agreement has been announced by Consol.

It has formed a joint venture and entered into a long-term sales agreement with Rheinische Braunkohlenwerke AG (Rheinbraun), one of West Germany's largest mining companies, for the development of up to five large un-

derground coal mines in Southwestern Pennsylvania.

Consol chairman and chief executive officer R.E. Samples said the project, when fully developed, could produce 12.5-million tons of coal annually — equivalent to 36 percent of Consol's total 1980 tonnage. That level of production could generate

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STEEL INDUSTRY ADMITS to spending less than needed under its 1980 modernization scenario. (Page 3)

JAMES R. HARRIS OVERCOMES opposition to his being named OSM head. (Page 5)

MAINE'S DEP OKAYS coal conversion for Scott Paper plant. (Page 3)

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FACTS & FIGURES

Domestic

	Weekly	6/27/81	6/20/81	6/28/80
Production				
Bituminous, recent week	17,625	15,485	16,880	
Bituminous, year to date	343,305	325,680	410,994	
Anthracite, recent week	145	105	104	
Anthracite, year to date	2,772	2,627	2,672	

	Weekly	6/27/81	6/20/81	6/28/80
Railroad carloadings				
Bituminous, recent week	125,904	110,632	117,333	
Bituminous, year to date	2,410,003	2,284,099	2,842,787	
Anthracite, recent week	548	384	556	
Anthracite, year to date	8,202	7,654	14,526	

Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy, Energy Information Administration — Weekly Coal Reports.

	Weekly	6/27/81	6/20/81	6/28/80
Production by states, bituminous and lignite				

	Weekly	6/27/81	6/20/81	6/28/80
Eastern				
Alabama	531	507	528	
Georgia	2	2	2	
Georgia	1,004	828	1,303	
Indiana	514	435	531	
Kentucky				
Eastern	2,243	1,670	2,450	
Western	878	590	926	
Total, Ky.	3,121	2,260	3,376	
Maryland	49	51	78	
Ohio	750	255	1,010	
Pennsylvania	1,613	1,218	2,050	
Tennessee	311	265	255	
Virginia	1,064	896	1,018	
West Virginia	1,815	1,212	2,320	
Total, eastern	10,774	7,931	12,471	

	Weekly	6/27/81	6/20/81	6/28/80
Western				
Alaska	15	16	16	
Arizona	216	205	236	
Arkansas	16	17	13	
Colorado	497	479	360	
Iowa	12	11	12	
Kansas	15	16	17	
Missouri	116	117	121	
Montana	873	883	794	
New Mexico	123	137	313	
North Dakota	291	283	345	

	93	127	108
Oklahoma	550	590	530
Texas	165	162	233
Utah	108	96	105
Washington	1,621	1,731	1,656
Wyoming	4,711	4,974	4,859
Total, western	15,485	12,905	17,330

In short tons (000). Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy, Energy Information Administration — Weekly Coal Report.

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	Weekly	6/27/81	6/20/81	6/28/80
Transportation: railroad				
Eastern district				
Bessemer and Lake Erie		762	778	1,822
Baltimore and Ohio		5,236	3,878	7,190
Chesapeake and Ohio		12,454	7,403	16,361
Consolidated Rail Corp.		7,611	6,229	9,515
Norfolk and Western		19,171	15,503	19,221
Pittsburgh & Lake Erie		—	—	289
Western Maryland		1,345	1,424	2,242
Other, eastern district		88	3	56
Total, eastern district		46,667	50,040	56,686

	Weekly	6/27/81	6/20/81	6/28/80
Southern district				
Clinchfield Railroad		2,366	2,170	2,460
Illinois Central Gulf		3,930	1,550	4,384
Louisville & Nashville		14,632	12,902	14,003
Southern Railway		8,722	7,300	8,003
Other, southern district		—	1	1
Total, southern district		29,590	23,923	28,851

	Weekly	6/27/81	6/20/81	6/28/80
Western district				
Atchafalaya, Topeka & Santa Fe		656	730	1,373
Burlington Northern		21,279	21,526	19,842
Chicago & North Western		326	231	831
Denver & Rio Grande Western		4,519	4,324	3,374
Kansas City Southern		182	97	109
Chicago, Mtl., St. Paul & Pacific		747	650	1,195
Missouri-Kansas-Texas		109	134	77
Missouri Pacific		3,186	1,418	4,139
Chicago, Rock Is. & Pacific		—	—	—
St. Louis-San Francisco		—	—	—
Sea Line		47	29	18
Union Pacific		3,289	3,786	3,903
Other, western district		116	129	23
Total, western district		34,376	33,034	34,684
Total, all districts		116,633	92,175	120,431

	Weekly	6/27/81	6/20/81	6/28/80
Monongahela River, Lock no. 3		216,762	133,516	329,844
Allegheny River, Lock no. 7		9,989	11,700	231,100
Ohio River, Montgomery Lock		242,174	170,488	244,820

In short tons through locks.

Source: U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District.

	Weekly	6/27/81	6/20/81	6/28/80
Bituminous & lignite				
Electric power utilities		43,604	43,323	40,622
Coal user shares of coal		163,859	179,032	162,284
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Conoco Merger Developing Into Big Slugfest

By GENE SMITH

The three avowed suitors — Du Pont, Mobil and Seagram — have stepped up their slugging match for Conoco in the largest corporate merger ever attempted.

Du Pont, the only suitor approved by Conoco's management, increased its original bid of \$87.50 a share for 40 percent of Conoco's stock and 1.6 shares of Du Pont common for each remaining share of the oil company to \$95 a share and 1.7 shares of Du Pont. This would be valued at about \$7.4-billion.

Seagram, which started the fight with an unwelcome bid totaling \$2.55-billion for a 41 percent share of Conoco, sweetened

its original offer to \$85 a share for 51 percent, of \$3.8-billion. Last Thursday, it acknowledged that the shares tendered to that point "fell short of the total sought," so it borrowed an additional \$200-million and subsequently raised its bid to \$95 a share, or a total value of about \$4.4-billion. It argues that it would pay cash immediately at the close of its offering on Aug. 5, while the others would be delayed in U.S. courts.

The third suitor, Mobil, offered \$90 a share for 43.5 million shares — a little more than 50 percent — of Conoco, plus securities equal to \$90 a share for a total package of \$7.7-billion. Mobil, the nation's

second largest oil company, drew down a \$6-billion line of credit for its takeover bid.

It subsequently indicated it might increase its offer to \$95 a share and there were reports that it could go higher.

The Conoco board voted unanimously to file suit against Mobil on antitrust grounds involving questions in the petroleum industry as whole, plus other facets of that industry, and coal production and marketing, as well as uranium exploration and production.

This was the first "official" reference to Consolidation Coal, the nation's largest owner of coal reserves and second largest coal producer. There has been much con-

jecture as to what would happen to Consolidation once any of the three suitors completed its deal.

Analysts estimate Mobil's coal reserves at around 4.1-billion tons. Conoco's are just under 14-billion, but several analysts have pointed out that they are in entirely different markets and so should not be subject to antitrust questions.

It was pointed out earlier that Conoco's coal reserves have a potential value of about \$3-billion, which is close to the amount Du Pont borrowed to effect its merger offer. This led to a line of thought that would have Du Pont selling off Con-

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NEWS ROUNDUP

Gulf Oil and Republic Steel have completed their previously-announced formation of a partnership to own, operate and develop Republic's coal properties in Alabama. Gulf paid \$120-million for a half-partnership in the new venture, known as North River Energy. It will also contribute an additional \$35-million in development outlays over the next five years. The properties now produce about 1.5-million tons of coal annually, primarily steam coal sold to Alabama Power.

Eastern Gas & Fuel Associates will acquire Zurn Industries through an exchange of stock valued at more than \$275-million. The transaction involves 10.7-million shares of Eastern for all 6.3-million shares of Zurn, which produces environmental and energy conversion equipment, plus a line of leisure products. For the fiscal year ended March 31, Zurn showed sales of \$364.8-million and net of \$18.3-million. The transaction must be approved by the boards and stockholders of both companies. William J. Pruyn, president of Eastern, described the acquisition as "a major step forward for Eastern into new and exciting energy-related businesses." Eastern's consolidated revenues for 1980 topped \$1-billion, with net income of \$54.8-million.

Coincidentally, Eastern released its second-quarter report that showed a loss of \$3.7-million on revenues of \$183.8-million. This contrasted with last year's net of \$12.4-million on revenues of \$234.8-million. For the first half net income amounted to \$17.1-million on revenues of \$537.3-million against last year's net of \$30.3-million on revenues of \$523.4-million. The loss was traced to the coal strike. Eastern's largest subsidiary, Eastern Coal, operates mines in West

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Lamb Wins Round in Court On Removal from UMW Board

By MIKE MYER

Bill Lamb, the United Mine Workers dissident twice fired from his seat on the union's governing board in 1978 and 1979, has won in court the right to a trial on his dismissal.

Saying he was fired by then-UMW President Arnold Miller for political reasons, Lamb thinks a trial will result in the firings being declared improper which, he believes, could be an important precedent in protecting other labor union dissidents.

He also says he'll present information during the trial which will make UMW members "take a look" at the dues they pay.

Now out of work because the coal preparation plant where he worked did not reopen after this Spring's UMW strike, Lamb says the trial will mean "an awful lot of people have a good chance to see how their union funds are spent and wasted."

He won the right to a trial when, on July 13, a three-member panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals sitting in Washington unanimously reversed a decision by U.S. District Judge Barrington D. Parker, also of Washington, that Lamb's dismissal was proper.

The appeals court ordered Lamb be given a full trial to determine whether he was legally removed from his post on the



BILL LAMB GETS another chance in court to exonerate himself.

union's International Executive Board.

Questions on legality of Lamb's removal were not addressed by the appeals court however, which ruled only that Parker erred in deciding the case without a trial.

Full testimony in the case was not heard by Parker, who treated Lamb's suit

against UMW concerning his dismissal as a matter for summary judgment on the basis of oral arguments only. Such procedure can be used if no important facts are in dispute in a lawsuit but, in Lamb's case, important facts were in dispute, the appeals court ruled.

Miller in 1978 dismissed Lamb from the IEB and the board itself upheld the action because of Miller's allegations that Lamb had violated provisions of the union constitution concerning accounting for expenses while on union business.

Lamb, then of Cadiz, Ohio, had represented 16,000 UMW District Six members in Ohio and Northern West Virginia on the IEB.

Miller, after removing Lamb from the IEB post, ordered a special election for District Six miners to choose a successor to Lamb. Lamb campaigned for the post and was re-elected to it by a larger vote margin than in his original election.

Miller and the IEB then, in 1979, again removed Lamb from his post.

A frequent, vociferous critic of the Miller administration, Lamb also had worked for Lee Roy Patterson, a Kentuckian who unsuccessfully challenged Miller for the union presidency in 1978.

After the IEB refused to reinstate him, Lamb filed suit in Federal court seeking reinstatement to his board post, but

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Synfuels Future Now Rests On President's Shoulders

By PAUL FEINE

WASHINGTON — By late last week, the power to decide the future shape of the synthetic fuels business in this country, and indeed whether there will be an immediate future for the industry at all, rested squarely on the shoulders of President Ronald Reagan.

After both the special Cabinet council on natural resources, energy, and environmental issues and the full Cabinet

itself had met last Wednesday morning with him on the question of Federal guarantees for synfuels projects, Reagan reportedly told those in attendance that he would consider their comments, get new reactions on the issues involved from key Congressional leaders, and make a decision soon.

Just how soon that decision would come was not predicted by the President, nor

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FACTS & FIGURES

Domestic

	7/11/81	7/4/81	7/12/80
Production			
Bituminous, recent week	14,065	15,325	10,350
Bituminous, year to date	372,700	358,635	433,728
Anthracite, recent week	100	135	101
Anthracite, year to date	3,007	2,907	2,815

	7/4/81	6/27/81	7/5/80
Railroad carloadings			
Bituminous, recent week	100,463	109,480	70,613
Bituminous, year to date	2,819,948	2,519,483	2,982,870
Anthracite, recent week	357	521	538
Anthracite, year to date	9,080	9,437	15,291

Production data in thousands of short tons.
Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy, Energy Information Administration - Weekly Coal Reports.

	7/4/81	6/27/81	7/5/80
Production by states, bituminous and lignite			
Alabama	482	530	333
Georgia	—	—	2
Illinois	962	1,330	753
Indiana	570	650	353
Kentucky:			
Eastern	2,089	2,450	1,120
Western	774	975	399
Total, Ky.	2,863	3,425	1,519
Maryland	100	75	58
Ohio	788	850	475
Pennsylvania	1,585	1,810	1,366
Tennessee	260	190	174
Virginia	823	950	397
West Virginia	1,896	2,209	1,104
Total, eastern	10,309	12,019	6,534

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Western			
Alaska	12	16	12
Arizona	210	190	225
Arkansas	10	12	7
Colorado	346	420	244
Iowa	14	12	6
Kansas	18	14	9
Missouri	123	140	123
Montana	775	790	788
New Mexico	370	390	223
North Dakota	360	375	274

	7/5	102	89
Oklahoma	558	610	250
Texas	195	230	108
Washington	107	105	90
Wyoming	1,825	2,150	1,173
Total, western	5,016	5,556	3,821
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Norfolk and Western	15,952	20,347	5,800
Pittsburgh & Lake Erie	71	26	424
Western Maryland	2,810	2,263	1,818
Other, eastern district	80	12	24
Total, eastern district	50,407	59,423	26,617

	7/11/81	7/4/81	7/12/80
Southern district			
Clinchfield Railroad	1,494	2,050	347
Illinois Central Gulf	3,224	4,210	1,457
Louisville & Nashville	13,573	18,074	7,566
Southern Railway	6,701	8,592	4,884
Other, southern district	5	5	2
Total, southern district	25,000	30,931	14,256

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Western district			
Atchafalaya, Topeka & Santa Fe	950	1,867	1,195
Burlington Northern	22,514	20,868	19,935
Chicago & North Western	347	412	246
Denver & Rio Grande Western	3,028	3,956	2,102
Kansas City Southern	112	106	106
Chicago, Mil. St. Paul & Pacific	899	1,110	779
Missouri-Kansas-Texas	49	135	91
Missouri Pacific	2,056	3,207	1,310
Chicago, Rock Is. & Pacific	—	—	—
St. Louis-San Francisco	—	—	—
Soo Line	35	49	63
Union Pacific	4,012	3,986	2,535
Other, western district	71	56	35
Total, western district	34,073	35,552	28,397
Total, all districts	109,480	125,906	69,270

	7/11/81	7/4/81	7/12/80
Transportation: inland rivers			
Monongahela River, Lock No. 3	317,732	325,588	253,672
Allegheny River, Lock No. 2	14,400	15,000	15,600
Ohio River, Montgomery Lock	392,905	296,500	179,106

In short tons through locks.
Source: U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District.

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Bituminous & lignite			
Consumption	44,908	43,604	41,378
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Coal user stocks of coal			
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Note: Data given in thousands of short tons.
Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy, Energy Information Administration - Weekly Coal Report.

	Recent	Previous	Year Ago
Coal User Production			
Major direct users:			
Electric utilities (Mil. Kwh., wk end 7/11/81)	50,407	46,037	49,165
Steel (Short tons, thousands, wk end 7/11/81)	2,276	2,379	1,523
Cement, Portland, U.S. shipments (short tons, mo., 4/81)	6,433,281	5,524,914	5,883,694

	Recent	Previous	Year Ago
Other significant output:			
Aluminum (short tons, mo. 6/81)	441,356	431,189	437,938
Passenger car production, total (wk end, mo. 6/81)	705,884	662,013	532,045
Machine tools: (Monthly)			
Net new orders (\$000, 5/81)	229,750	305,000	434,050

	7/11/81	7/4/81	7/12/80
Price indexes			
Coal	491.8	487.7	466.9
Anthracite	565.1	553.0	459.7
Chestnut, Pa., mine	487.9	471.7	410.4
Buckwheat No. 1, Pa., mine	643.7	617.8	525.0
Bituminous	488.6	484.8	466.2
Domestic sizes	605.7	597.3	580.7
Retail dealers	286.6	282.6	274.7
Industrial sizes, spot	412.0	405.0	394.5
Steam electric utility	134.8	128.2	120.9
Manufacturing	260.4	257.2	250.3
Metallurgical, high volatile	704.2	704.2	698.5
Metallurgical, low volatile	710.6	710.6	703.0
Industrial sizes, contract	139.0	138.3	132.5
Steam electric utility	N.A.	170.3	158.9
Manufacturing	124.5	123.1	120.1
Metallurgical, high volatile	100.5	98.9	99.4
Coke (foundry by-product)	470.3	468.5	430.6
Birmingham, Ala.	485.2	485.2	439.6
Milwaukee, Wis.	470.8	470.8	420.4
Detroit, Mich.	N.A.	N.A.	432.1
Indianapolis, Ind.	484.3	484.3	437.1
St. Louis, Missouri	316.1	N.A.	286.8
Philadelphia, Penna.	315.6	315.6	285.8

	7/11/81	7/4/81	7/12/80
Monthly			
4/81	5/81	6/80	

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Exports & Imports

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	Quantity in short tons			Dollar Value			Avg. Value, per short ton		
Bituminous coal, low volatile blends to make coke No. 5213110									
	3/81	4/81	5/81	4/81	5/81	5/81	4/81	3/80	5/80
Japan	1,174,885	1,089,552	1,769,862	66,798,681	58,616,738	101,968,651	56.86	53.80	57.61
Italy	219,543	372,899	631,478	13,724,736	20,550,425	32,867,569	62.52	55.11	52.05
Switzerland	183,202	36,779	—	7,489,459	3,236,874	—	45.89	48.47	—
Canada	125,416	940,703	930,582	6,014,258	55,560,371	54,842,162	47.95	59.06	58.93
France	95,140	393,986	543,981	4,769,733	19,587,149	29,924,418	50.13	49.77	55.01
Total, above	1,778,186	2,869,519	3,875,903	98,798,687	157,551,557	219,602,800	55.56	55.02	56.66
Total, other nations	307,980	1,899,656	2,203,261	16,829,520	92,807,048	114,239,681	54.64	54.60	51.85
Total, all nations	2,086,166	4,769,175	6,079,164	115,628,207	250,358,605	333,842,481	55.43	54.87	54.72

Bituminous coal, other No. 5213120									
Canada	1,230,041	—	1,290,097	56,590,363	—	50,088,900	46.01	—	38.83
France	508,408	682,490	289,917	22,003,856	26,198,701	10,522,903	43.28	38.39	36.30
Spain	504,531	203,900	117,578	21,314,667	8,895,494	4,945,387	42.24	43.63	42.06
Japan	487,007	318,915	59,245	22,477,781	15,049,085	2,918,177	46.15	47.19	49.26
Denmark	305,195	203,221	—	14,583,094	7,912,102	—	47.78	38.93	—
Italy	144,154	213,936	38,507	6,431,490	8,060,988	1,397,360	44.62	37.68	36.29
Netherlands	142,130	411,083	131,315	5,088,275	19,747,334	4,895,351	35.80	48.04	37.28
United Kingdom	127,236	—	265,394	5,978,795	—	10,815,098	46.99	—	40.75
Total, above	3,448,702	2,033,549	2,192,053	154,468,301	85,863,704	85,583,178	44.79	42.22	39.04
Total, other nations	375,788	1,502,107	177,913	17,316,398	69,287,477	5,960,138	46.08	46.13	33.50
Total, all nations	3,824,490	3,535,656	2,369,966	171,784,699	155,151,181	91,543,314	44.92	43.88	38.83

	Quantity in short tons				Dollar Value		Avg. Value, per short ton		
Petroleum coke, except calcined No. 5213150									
Japan	196,964	75,780	238,373	10,286,256	3,865,126	9,898,381	52.22	51.00	41.52
Canada	143,922	58,739	100,474	8,347,640	3,051,755	3,532,614	58.00	51.90	35.16
Netherlands	142,822	—	165,327	8,762,952	—	6,581,658	47.35	—	39.81
Belgium	123,027	—	161,748	5,474,024	—	5,833,036	44.49	—	36.06
Total, above	606,735	134,519	665,922	30,870,872	6,916,881	15,845,689	50.88	51.42	38.81
Total, other nations	159,185	428,599	110,293	7,681,396	19,545,330	3,707,253	45.25	45.60	34.43
Total, all nations	765,920	563,118	776,215	38,552,268	26,462,211	29,642,942	50.33	46.99	38.19

Compositions for fuel No. 5213160									
Total, all nations	186	548	136	28,561	76,350	18,255	153.55	139.32	134.2

NEWS ROUNDUP

Chicago & North Western Transportation has been given the go-ahead by ICC to expand into the coal-rich Powder River Basin of Wyoming. Burlington Northern, now the only railroad hauling coal from the region, may appeal the decision. C&NW officials estimate the region could provide it with up to \$500-million in annual revenues within 10 years.

Pittsburgh & Midway Coal Mining, a subsidiary of Gulf Oil, has completed its acquisition of Kemmerer Coal for \$330-million. The acquisition makes P&M the nation's eighth largest coal producer with an annual capacity of 16-million tons. Kemmerer began mining in Wyoming in 1897 and last year produced 4.3-million tons of coal from a large open-pit mine at Kemmerer, Wyo. It also has 50-percent interest in an underground mine at Emery, Utah, that produced 600,000 tons in 1980. P&M also acquires 93,000 acres of owned and leased land in Wyoming, Utah and Colorado.

United Coal has signed a letter of intent to purchase International Minerals & Chemicals' coal operations in Pike County, Ky. Details of the letter were not announced.

Price River Coal plans a \$40-million improvement program at its property at Crandall Canyon, North of Helper, Utah. New air shafts, portal, bath house and other surface facilities will be built at the mine which is a subsidiary of Indiana & Michigan Electric, an operating company in the American Electric Power System. Production will be more than doubled to 1.5-million tons.

The proposed acquisition of Zurn Industries by Eastern Gas & Fuel Associates in a \$275-million transaction turned sour and was terminated. "Some key differences made it impracticable to proceed," an Eastern spokesman said.

TVA has been advised to cut back its nuclear power plant program by William Willis, general manager. He recommended a halt in construction at the 42 percent-completed Phipps Bend nuclear plant, as well as postponement of construction at the Yellow Creek and Hartsville nuclear plants until about 1991, a delay of about three years. The TVA board will have to vote on the proposals.

Occidental Petroleum and **ENI**, the Italian state oil group, have signed an agreement to set up a joint petrochemicals and coal company.

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Du Pont Wins; Who Gets Consol?

By GENE SMITH

Du Pont's successful \$7.57-billion takeover of Conoco has only created widespread speculation over the future of the nation's second largest coal company, Consolidation Coal.

While du Pont has refused to comment on its plans for Consolidation, security analysts are having a field day figuring out just what will happen with Consolidation. There seems to be growing speculation that Seagram, which started the takeover battle on June 25 with an offer to buy a 41 percent stake in Conoco at \$73 a share, might be interested in swapping the Conoco shares it acquired for Consolidation.

Seagram may have acquired more than 25-million shares of Conoco, equal to a 20 percent holding in du Pont, which would make it second only to the 22 percent share of the du Pont family and its trusts.

Sale of Consolidation to any prospective buyer would go a long way towards covering the \$3.8-billion that du Pont had to borrow in its successful pursuit for Conoco.

Andrew Gray, an analyst with the Pershing division of Donaldson, Lufkin Jenrette, commented: "What I believe Seagram will do is to go to du Pont and say that they have so much of the Conoco shares and offer to exchange them for a part of the company. What's been mentioned most often are the coal operations."

"It's my feeling that du Pont should not accept. When you look down the road, coal

will become much more important," Gray added.

Eugene Nowak, who follows domestic oil companies for Dean Witter Reynolds, wasn't as certain.

"There's been a lot of conjecture that Seagram really wants the coal properties and may work out an exchange. On the



other hand, the information they released when they first began to pursue Conoco is that they were willing to take a more passive role. If they did that now, they in effect would have U.S. holdings that were part of two good companies, du Pont and Conoco," he said, adding:

"A lot of people seem to lean toward the coal scenario. But, from my vantage



point, they both look equally plausible and probable. It's probably 50-50."

The new E. I. du Pont de Nemours that emerges from the three-way battle with Seagram and Mobil, will become the na-

tion's seventh largest corporation, just behind Ford Motors. The \$7.57-billion price tag, based on du Pont's closing price of \$47.125 at the close of trading on Aug. 5, makes this the largest corporate merger in history. The previous record was the \$3.65-billion Shell Oil paid to acquire Belridge Oil in 1979.

Conoco's stock closed on Aug. 5 at \$91.875 a share, almost double the price it was bringing in May when a list of potential suitors began acquiring Conoco shares on the open market.

The first inkling that Conoco was ripe for takeover came when Dome Petroleum, Ltd., of Canada called for Conoco shares in its effort to acquire Conoco's control of Hudson's Bay Oil and Gas. Conoco shareholders were quick to respond favorably and an amicable settlement was worked out.

That prompted Seagram to proceed with its original offer, which was soon challenged by du Pont's friendly efforts to assist Conoco in warding off Seagram's unwanted advances. Du Pont's original offer on July 6 to Conoco shareholders was valued at about \$7.3-billion, based on \$87.50 a share for 40 percent of Conoco, plus 1.6 share of du Pont common for all remaining Conoco shares.

Mobil got into the act on July 17 with an offer of \$90 a share for just over 50 percent of Conoco's shares, plus securities worth the same amount for the remaining

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M/V AMERICAN REPUBLIC UNLOADS 19,500 tons of iron ore pellets at Republic Steel's Cleveland District plant. The 630-foot long ore carrier is newest vessel of American Steamship. (See story on Page 6.)

Reagan Gives Great Plains Approval for Loans Finally

By PAUL FEINE

WASHINGTON — Coal gasification got its biggest and most urgently needed push towards commercial reality last Wednesday, as President Ronald Reagan gave his personal approval to Federal loan guarantees designed to permit financing and construction of the Great Plains gasification project.

The Presidential decision to give the go-ahead to two controversial synfuels projects came after a climactic meeting of the Cabinet-level council on natural

resources, energy, and the environment. The Reagan imprimatur clears the way for the Department of Energy to grant loan guarantees of \$2.02-billion for the Great Plains project, and an additional \$1.1-billion to TOSCO and Exxon to support an oil shale recovery project in Western Colorado.

A third synfuels venture, another oil shale program sponsored by Union Oil Company of California, was cleared earlier for up to \$400-million in Federal

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NUCLEAR POWER COSTS 40% MORE than coal-fired electricity, Atomic Forum concedes. (Page 4)

DOE EXPECTS 7.1-MILLION-TON CUT in coal output from strike. (Page 6)

JOHN CORCORAN WARNS against complacency as signs appear that the energy crisis is over. (Page 26)

NEW SURFACE MINE SAFETY RULES are in effect in West Virginia. (Page 3)

Bagge: 'Coal Exports Golden Chance'

11 COAL INDUSTRY NEWS, MONDAY, August 10, 1981

By PAUL FEINE
WASHINGTON — "Coal exports are sexy now," says Carl Bagge, president of the National Coal Association, adding that "the United States is on the verge of realizing a golden opportunity to become a major exporter of coal — a role that has long-term implications not only for our trade relations, but also for the strength of our currency."

Bagge's enthusiasm about the "explosion" of foreign interest in U.S. steam coal exports is conditioned on two principal developments — the expansion of U.S. coal port capacity, and the improvement of existing and new harbors to permit deeper draft coal carriers access to the U.S. market.

"The ability to dump coal at the pier is being taken care of now by the private sector," says Bagge, with an ever-increasing number of port expansion and modernization plans being announced (see accompanying listing).

"Where we can't do it ourselves," the NCA chief

observes about coal industry capacity to facilitate the flow of exports, "is the issue of dredging."

Several bills have been introduced in Congress to address the subject of port improvement, and, specifically, the critical issue of who will pay for port dredging, operation, and maintenance.

NCA and its member companies are solidly behind the proposal initiated by Sen. John Warner and Rep. Paul Trible, both Virginia Republicans, which calls for Federal government financing of 60 percent of the massive cost of dredging U.S. coal ports to a 50-to-55-foot depth. The remaining 40 percent would be paid by shippers using the improved ports, in the form of port fees assessed by the administrators of each port.

The Interagency Coal Export Task Force report issued in January, included an estimate that dredging just three ports — Hampton Roads, Va., Mobile, Ala., and New Orleans, La., — to a 50-foot channel depth would require more than \$1.5 billion. New

York and Baltimore would cost about another half-billion dollars.

Ideally, Bagge would like to see 75 percent of the port dredging costs picked up by the Federal government, and 25 percent paid through port fees. The formal NCA policy on port operation and maintenance costs is that any new legislation should not change the existing Federal responsibility for these matters, but Bagge has said informally that a Federal "involvement in O & M" (operation and maintenance) is the critical issue, with the specific Federal and privately-funded shares less important.

Already, the issue of changing the traditional total Federal responsibility for port channel construction, operation, and maintenance has become highly politicized.

In the first six months of the 97th Congress, a dozen major pieces of port-improvement legislation were introduced in the House and the Senate, with individual legislators not unexpectedly favoring port projects in

or near their home constituencies.

A bill introduced by Rep. Lindy Boggs (D-Louisiana) would authorize expedited dredging of Hampton Roads, Mobile, and New Orleans, with 100 percent Federal funding and a "fast-track" environmental assessment process. Sen. Ernest Hollings (D-S.C.) concurred, but added Charleston to the list of ports.

Meanwhile, Sen. Jennings Randolph (D-W Va.) called for 75 percent Federal, 25 percent local funding of dredging at Hampton Roads, Mobile, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Charleston, and New York, and Sen. U. Bennett Johnston (D-La.) picked Norfolk, Mobile, and New Orleans as the favored ports for expedition of dredging in his bill. Sen. Lloyd Bentsen (D-Texas) wants a 75 percent Federal reimbursement of port-deepening costs for projects specifically approved by Senate and House committees, with the Texas ports of Galveston, Corpus Christi, Houston, and Brazos Harbor

automatically eligible for the funding.

The legislation that has worried the NCA most, though, is the administration-sponsored bill introduced in the House by Rep. James Howard (D-N.J.) and in the Senate by Sen. Robert Stafford (R-Vt.). These companion proposals require 100 percent recovery of port dredging, operation, and maintenance costs through imposition of fees on those using the improved waterways.

"The concept of 100 percent recovery of the cost of port and harbor improvements fails to recognize that the benefits of such improvements are broader than those accruing solely to the user of the facility," Bagge told the House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries last month during hearings on the several port upgrading plans under consideration by the Congress.

"Coal exports provide employment for miners, transporters, terminal operators, port agencies, and all other supporting industries," Bagge said, adding that "the importance of a viable port system to our national defense" places a large share of the burden for improvements on the national government.

Bagge also told the lawmakers that assessment of the full costs of port improvements to the commodities benefitting from them may make products such as coal "uncompetitive" in their intended markets.

"The bottom line," Bagge told CENews after the hearings, "is that the U.S. share of the international coal market will be determined by the issues we're talking about."

Clearly, the possibility that U.S. ports may not be developed swiftly enough or completely enough is becoming the major potential roadblock to the realization of NCA's increasingly optimistic forecasts of coal-export growth.

In January, before the three-month strike by United Mine Workers members suspended operations at most eastern coal mines, NCA estimated that U.S. coal exports to countries other than Canada would reach 78-million tons this year — 25-million tons as steam coal, and 53 as metallurgical grades.

By July, despite the effects of the strike, NCA analysts were still projecting the same total figure for this year, with the only change being that now the total of steam coal exports is expected to be up to 28-million tons, with met coal down slightly to 50-million tons.

The Canadian market has traditionally been considered separately in NCA forecasts, because of that country's preponderant demand for steam coal over met coal. However, if the association's projections prove out, the rest of the world will be matching Canada in its demand for nearly half again as much steam coal as metallurgical types from the U.S. by 1990.

Canada is expected to take approximately 20-million tons of

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Port Improvement Projects List

WASHINGTON — When the report of the Federal-Interagency Task Force on Coal Exports was issued seven months ago, it included a table showing existing "effective" U.S. capacity at East, Gulf, and West Coast ports to export almost 95-million tons of

coal yearly. This represented roughly half the total designed capacity of the port areas surveyed for the study.

The same report showed capacity expansions underway and planned to the tune of an additional 183-million tons a year,

for a total effective annual export capacity of 277.8-million tons expected to be in place by 1985.

Since the government study, the pace of announcements of new port improvement plans has picked up. A current projection by the National Coal Association

shows a total potential U.S. coal exporting capacity of 115-million tons for the 1981-82 period. The overall figure rises to 305-million tons a year during the 1983-84 biennium, and to 479-million by the end of 1986.

Specific figures cited in the NCA study include:
(figures in millions of tons)

	1981-82	1983-84	1985-86			
EAST COAST				SAVANNAH, GA		
PORT OF QUEBEC, CANADA				Savannah Coal Terminal (Harbert, Elk River, and Family Lines)	—	5 15
Cast Group	6	20	20	Hutchinson Island Coal (Strachan Shipping Co. and Pope Evans Robbins, Inc.)	—	6 12
ALBANY, NY				Southern Minerals Corp.	4	8 13
Atlantic Cement	1	2	2			
New Amsterdam Coal	2	4	4	SUBTOTAL EAST COAST	84	192 282
FAIRLESS HILLS, PA				GULF COAST		
United States Steel	—	3	10	MOBILE, AL		
CAMDEN, NJ				McDuffie Terminal	5	10 20
Alla-Ohio Valley Coal	2	3	3	NEW ORLEANS, LA		
Camden Coal Terminal	2	3	4	International Marine Terminals	4	9 12
PHILADELPHIA, PA				Electro Coal Transfer	10	15 20
ConRail	4	10	10	River & Gulf Transportation	—	12 20
BALTIMORE, MD				Port of New Orleans - Ryan Walsh Stevedoring	2	5 10
Chessie System	10	12	12	BATON ROUGE, LA		
Kentucky-Ohio Transportation	—	10	10	United States Steel	—	12 15
Consolidation Coal	—	10	10	Louisiana Coal Services	—	5 10
Pittston, MAPCO, Elk River Resources, Old Ben Coal, Utah International, and Soros Associates	—	—	15	United Energy Resources	—	8 15
HAMPTON ROADS, VA				STEELTOWN, TX		
Chessie System	14	15	16	Texas-Oklahoma Port Co	5	5-10 5-10
Norfolk & Western	32	35	35	GALVESTON, TX		
Cox property at Portsmouth, to be developed by A.T. Massey, Pittston, Consold and Island Creek, or N & W	—	10	25	Galveston Port Authority	—	10 20
Ashland Oil, Westmoreland Coal, Utah International, and Arinco				SUBTOTAL GULF COAST	26	91 147
(figures not yet available)				WEST COAST		
MOREHEAD CITY, NC				LONG BEACH, CA		
Alla-Ohio Valley Coal	3	6	15	Metropolitan Stevedore Co.	2	5 15
Gulf Interstate Coal Terminals	—	10	20	LOS ANGELES, CA		
WILMINGTON, NC				Port of Los Angeles — Terminal Island	3	12 20
Atlantic Resources, Inc. (American Coal Export Co.)	2	4	8	PORT OF KALAMA, WA		
Utah International (figures not yet available)				Pacific Resources, Inc.	—	5 15
CHARLESTON, SC				SUBTOTAL WEST COAST	5	22 50
Massey Coal Terminal	2	4	8	GRANT TOTAL U.S.	115	305 479

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**A CALENDAR OF EVENTS OF MEETINGS OF INTEREST
TO THE COAL AND OTHER ENERGY-RELATED INDUSTRIES**

Aug. 19-21 — Rocky Mountain Mining Show at Salt Palace, Salt Lake City, Utah. Information: Steve Smoot, International Trade Administration, Room 340, U.S. Post office & court House Building, 350 South Main St., Salt Lake City, Utah 84101. Telephone: 801-524-5116.

Sept. 2-4 — "Elements of Supervision," market orientation program by Rocky Mountain

**Industrial Counselors at
Ramada Inn, Interstate 25 at
Center St., Casper, Wyo. Information:
J.R. Coffey, 1401
Saulsbury St. Denver, Col**

Sept. 20-22 — 33d Canadian Conference on Coal at Hotel Saskatchewan, Regina, Saskatchewan. Information: Coal Association of Canada, Ste. 201, 909 Fifth Ave. S.W., Calgary, Alta., Canada T2P 0N8. Telephone: 403-262-1544.

Sept. 27-30 — American Mining Congress, 1981 Mining Convention, Denver, Col. Information: AMC, Suite 300, 1920 N Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20036.

Sept. 28-29 — Hazardous Materials Workshops & Exhibition at Ohio Center, Columbus, Ohio. Information: Daniel Lea, 513-223-9975.

Oct. 20-22 -- Canadian Mining & Aggregate Equipment Exhibition at Exhibition Place, Toronto. Information: Southex Exhibitions, 1530 Statler Building, 107 Delaware Ave., Buffalo, N.Y. 14202. Telephone: 716-852-2006.

Oct. 27-29 — Coal Conference & Expo VI at Kentucky Fair & Exposition Center, Louisville, Ky.

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'Coal Port Fever' Mounts in New York Area

By BILL D. ROSS

"Coal port fever" continued to spread last week in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania with announcement of commitments and plans for upwards of \$250-million in new export facilities to come on-stream within the next five years.

The quarter-billion-dollar string of projects was seen as a determined move by combined private and governmental interests to challenge Virginia-Maryland tidewater ports as the nation's prime trans-shipment zone for European-bound coal and as a means of pumping millions of dollars in new revenues into the financially-troubled Conrail system to save it from extinction.

The burgeoning export push includes a coal preparation plant and a slurry pipeline across Staten Island and is coupled with a proposal for a new deep-water oil terminal on New York harbor. All were described by officials as essential to plans to cut future energy costs and speed exports of West Virginia and Pennsylvania coal to overseas markets.

While a major portion of the New York-New Jersey coal port expansion remained in various planning stages, construction began during the week on a \$55-to-\$65-million coal terminal at Port Richmond on the Delaware River within sight of downtown Philadelphia skyscrapers.

It is being built by the privately-owned New York-based CIBRO group of companies which operates a 45-thousand barrel per day lubricant oil refinery in Albany, New York, and nine bulk fuel oil terminals in New York state. It also has extensive rail and truck fuel transporta-

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NEW COAL EXPORT TERMINAL within sight of downtown Philadelphia's skyline ultimately can handle 15 million tons a year. Facility will involve a total investment of \$55-\$60-million and is under construction at Port Richmond on the Delaware River. Atlantis Terminal Corp. will operate the installation which can work unit trains.

NEWS ROUNDUP

Norfolk & Western Railway surprised Wall Street by taking an 8.2 percent stock position in Piedmont Aviation at a cost of \$18.3-million. The move was interpreted by some as the first step towards becoming "a total transportation service company." Federal regulations bar a surface transportation company from acquiring 10 percent or more of an airline without CAB approval. In a separate move, N & W signed a letter of intent to sell Delaware & Hudson Railway to Guilford Transportation Industries, thus removing D & H's opposition to the proposed merger of N & W and Southern Railway.

Rural Electrification Administration approval has been granted for a \$900-million loan guarantee for construction of a coal-fired electrical power project that will serve parts of Arizona, Nevada, Utah and Wyoming. The loan to be provided by Treasury's Federal Financing Bank will be used to help build a power plant, develop a

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Coal Blamed for Acid Rain

By STEVE MARCY

WASHINGTON — A National Academy of Science report said last week that acid rain was the result of sulfur and nitrogen oxides emissions from oil and coal-fired power plants.

The report urged the tightening of emissions standards for plants burning fossil fuels and for smelters.

"The committee believes that continued

emissions of sulfur and nitrogen oxides at current or accelerated rates, in the face of clear evidence of serious hazard to human health and to the biosphere, will be extremely risky from a long-term economic standpoint as well as from the standpoint of biosphere protection," said the report, prepared by a committee of the Academy's National Research Council.

"Although claims have been made that

direct evidence linking power-plant emissions to the production acid rain is inconclusive, we find the circumstantial evidence for their role overwhelming," the report said.

The committee called for the creation of a national acid rain research center. While the blame for acid rain could clearly be laid on coal and other fossil-fuel-

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Coal Conversion Forum Sets Top Speakers for Oct. 14

William Morris, Assistant Secretary/International Trade Administrator of the Department of Commerce, has been added to the list of speakers at CInews forum on "Coal Conversion: The Future for Industry and Utilities."

The day-long forum will be held on Oct. 14 at the Pierre Hotel, New York City.

James A. Paduano, senior vice president of Lazard Freres, and Robert B. Atwater, senior vice president-domestic steam sales for Consolidation Coal, have also been confirmed as featured speakers.

John Corcoran, partner of Corcoran, Hardesty, Ewart, Whyte & Polito of Pittsburgh and Washington, D.C., will serve as moderator.

The forum is directed at providing answers to the problems being faced by industry and utilities as they try to convert from imported oil to domestic coal.

James F. Smith, chairman of Orange & Rockland Utilities, who had been earlier announced as a participant, will detail the continuing efforts of his company in its two-year battle for converting back to coal

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COAL EXPORTS WILL DRIVE DOWN OIL PRICES to \$26 a barrel by the end of 1982, study predicts. (Page 3)

FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 1968, coal fueled more than half of the nation's utility-produced electricity. (Page 3)

WEST VIRGINIA BANK OFFERS "COAL CONTRACT CLUB" to protect miners from possible strike in 1984. (Page 4)

West Virginia Strong in Coal, Exports in 1980

By MIKE MYER

During 1980, a year when domestic coal production set new records, West Virginia mines continued a steady climb out of the slump which hit the state during the late 1970s, with exports fueling the resurgence.

West Virginia last year exported nearly half the total amount of coal shipped out of the United States, with its export increases more than offsetting a continued lack of demand for metallurgical coal.

Though the state did not during the past decade keep pace with dramatic increases in total domestic coal production, it has begun to reverse that trend, according to figures from the West Virginia Coal Association.

In its latest annual report on the state's coal industry, the association notes that West Virginia comfortably held its position as the nation's second largest coal producer, turning

out 121,584,000 tons in 1980 and being second only to Kentucky with 150,144,000.

While both Kentucky and the nation as a whole (at 823,582,000 tons) set new yearly records during 1980, West Virginia continued on the long road back toward its 1947 record of 173,653,000 tons.

Demand for West Virginia coal has increased more rapidly than for the nation as a whole or for Kentucky during the past few years, however.

Production in 1980 was 8.19 percent higher than in 1979 for West Virginia, compared to 6.09 percent for the nation and .20 percent for Kentucky. The growth rate between 1978-79 was 32.68 percent for West Virginia, compared to 16.71 percent for the nation and 14.19 percent for Kentucky.

Western coal, particularly from Wyoming, has hurt most eastern states, however. Wyoming last year produced 94,887,000

tons, for a 32.1 percent growth rate over the previous year. The 1978-79 growth rate was 23.46 percent.

West Virginia, which once produced nearly a third of domestic coal, during the past decade saw its share drop drastically but has seen a steady increase during the past three years. In 1978, the state produced 12.73 percent of total domestic coal but got back to 14.47 percent in 1979 and 14.76 percent last year.

After a price drop-off in 1979, the state last year got the average price of its coal back up to \$37 a ton, compared to a \$26 average for all United States coal.

Partly because of that price differential, the state in 1980 earned more than one-fifth of the total amount of domestic coal sales, with its coal marketing for \$4,498,599,194, compared to \$21,413,152,000 for the nation.

A major theme in West Virginia's coal industry has been decreases in metallurgical coal sales and increased exports.

State coal association officials, in their 1981 "Coal Facts" report, noted last year "showed a continuing shift in traditional markets served by the industry. Following the national pattern, the most significant increases in West Virginia coal growth occurred in export sales — and particularly with steam coal for electric generation."

Exports from West Virginia totalled 44,125,000 tons last year, at 49.2 percent of the national total.

The 1980 total represented a whopping 44.19 percent increase over 1979 and was nearly two and one-half times the 1978 level of

18,538,000 tons, which came at the end of a slump which started after the 1972 total of 42,000,000 tons.

According to the coal association, the European Economic Community imported 11.8 million tons of American steam coal in 1980, compared to 1.4 million tons in 1979.

Also during last year, Japan took the lead from Canada in buying American coal, chiefly because of high demand for metallurgical coal. Japan took a total of 22.9-million tons of American coal last year, compared to 15.9-million tons in 1979. Of that total, 21.9-million tons was metallurgical coal. Canada, meanwhile, decreased its imports of American coal to 17-million tons last year, from 19.7-million tons in 1979.

West Virginia got the lion's share of Canadian shipments last year, at 10.1-million tons.

Most domestic coal was shipped through ports in Virginia's Tidewater last year, with 57 percent of total exports going through Hampton Roads alone, according to the coal association. Baltimore handled 13 percent, New Orleans had 4 percent, Mobile was next with 3 percent, Philadelphia had 1 percent and other ports made up for the remainder.

Among significant developments for the coal industry last year, according to the association, were the shift in markets, gains in production, and cost increases for imported oil which prompted "increased calls for coal conversion, particularly among the northeastern states."

By the end of last year, the price of imported oil to New England utilities was five times

more than coal, according to the association, which noted that "the incentives of such economics already are reflected in the decision by some Massachusetts utility plants — Brayton Point and Mt. Tom — to return to coal immediately."

Government was helping in some ways and hurting in others, according to the association, which said another significant 1980 development was promises of regulatory relief from the new federal administration.

One effect of those coals, decreased federal involvement in the synthetic fuels industry, helped kill the SRC-II coal liquefaction plant planned for Morgantown, W. Va.

Tempering the association's comments on synfuels plans was its note that, "There is, however, continued movement in Congress to develop a national energy policy with coal playing the major role."

Coal conversion legislation was cited as one evidence of such movement and the association noted that a coalition of New England governors "has endorsed the concept of coal conversion legislation, which would ease the burden on electricity consumers in that region."

Another improving area of federal government, said the association, is that federal agencies "are finally beginning to apply cost benefit judgments to their programs. In many instances, rules are being withdrawn or modified to meet goals with the most efficient practices — rather than just the most costly."

"That, indeed, is a welcome wind blowing for the coal industry," said association officials.

Roof Falls Major Killer in U.S. Mines in 1980

WASHINGTON — Falling roofs killed more underground coal miners in 1980 than any other danger, the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) reported in its annual wrap-up of grisly statistics, released last month.

The "Closeout Edition" of Mine Injuries and Worktime Quarterly cited haulage accidents as the second biggest killer, ending the lives of 25 miners. Explosions, which at 21 deaths so far have killed more miners in 1981 than any other accident, killed only five last year.

Nonfatal accidents causing the greatest number of days lost from the job occurred in the materials-handling category, with 5,119 incidents forcing at least one day of lost work. The handling of materials resulted in only one death last year.

Sixteen miners lost their lives from electrical accidents in 1980, and they caused another 293 miners to lose at least one day from work or to have their job activities restricted.

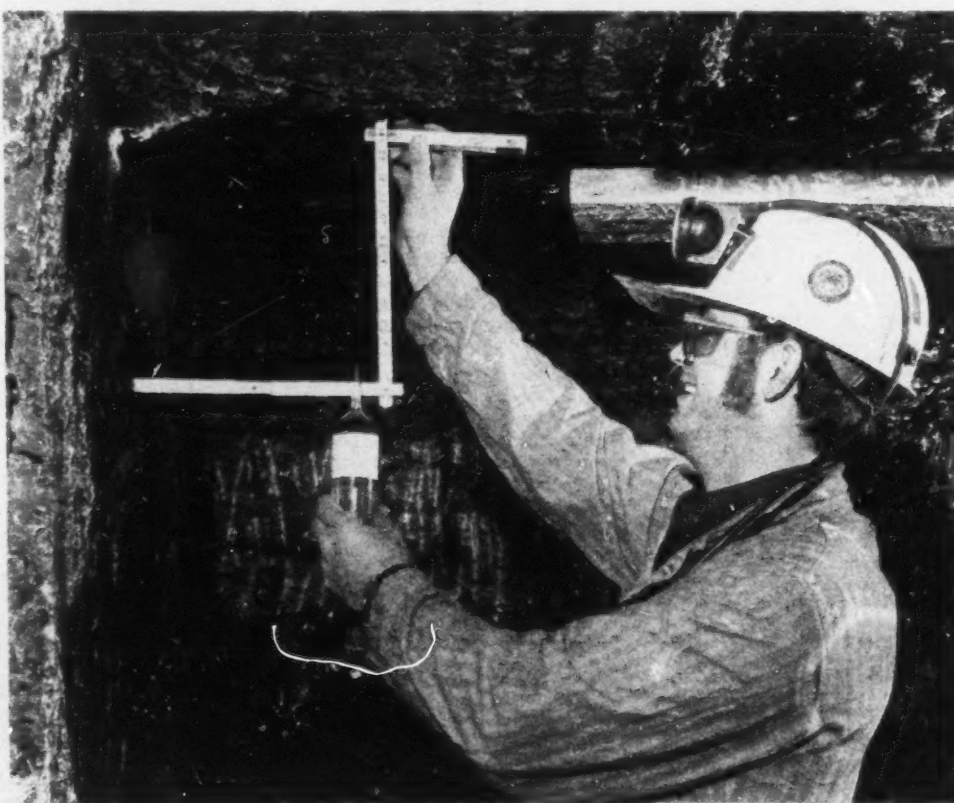
Machinery accidents, other than with hauling equipment, constituted the second largest category of accidents that lost time on the job, with 2,060 incidents.

Besides being the second largest killer, haulage accidents were the third largest category to cause days lost on the job with 2,048 separate incidents.

Slips and falls killed only one miner, but 1,997 other falls resulted in days lost on the job. Hand tools caused no fatalities, but they did cause 1,218 miners to lose days or have their jobs restricted.

	UNDERGROUND			SURFACE			PREPARATION PLANTS		
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(1)	(2)	(3)
Electrical	10	283	41	2	27	9	—	14	9
Entrapment	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Exploding Vessels Under Pressure	—	36	3	—	25	6	—	7	3
Explosives and Breaking Agents	7	33	15	1	11	2	—	1	—
Falling, Rolling, or Sliding Material	2	107	20	2	22	4	—	1	1
Fall of Face, Rib, Side or Highway	1	321	34	5	13	3	—	1	—
Fall of Roof (Underground Mines Only)	31	918	119	—	—	—	—	—	—
Fire	—	18	4	—	17	2	—	7	1
Handling Material	1	5,119	776	—	689	326	—	396	141
Hand Tools	—	1,218	535	—	227	238	—	108	111
Nonpowered Haulage	—	46	1	—	4	3	—	8	2
Powered Haulage	25	2,048	214	8	294	66	4	72	19
Haulage Trucks	1	18	7	4	183	39	—	15	3
Front-end Loaders	1	8	3	2	35	11	1	13	3
All Other Powered Haulage	—	2,022	204	2	78	16	3	44	13
Hauling	2	18	1	—	1	—	—	—	1
Hoisting or Explosion of Gas or Dust	5	12	2	—	18	3	—	5	2
Impoundment	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Machinery	18	2,060	359	5	335	185	1	102	84
Drill	1	2	2	1	83	17	—	5	3
Drift	—	8	2	—	28	6	—	3	—
All Other Machinery	15	2,050	355	4	228	142	1	94	61
Slips or Falls of Person	1	1,997	185	1	711	143	1	317	72
Stripping or Kneeling on Object	—	452	38	—	79	14	—	38	7
Striking or Bumping	—	257	49	—	8	6	—	9	12
Other	1	131	13	1	40	20	—	19	9
Total	102	15,975	2,380	25	2,502	1,010	6	1,112	454

(1) Fatal
(2) Non-Fatal With Days Lost
(3) No Days Lost



LET THERE BE AIR. Federal mine safety inspector takes an air sample at seam face in an underground mine to insure safe conditions for miners.

FACTS & FIGURES

				Domestic						
				8/8/81	8/1/81	8/9/80	90	103	100	Recent Previous Year Ago
Production										
Bituminous, recent week				17,825	17,765	16,220	725	648	537	
Bituminous, year to date				442,550	424,925	495,528	240	290	133	
Anthracite, recent week				119	102	131	115	110	116	
Anthracite, year to date				3,472	3,353	3,395	1,960	1,829	1,622	
Railroad carloadings										
Bituminous, recent week				127,772	128,728	117,227	5,172	5,097	4,572	
Bituminous, year to date				3,122,546	2,994,824	3,434,095	17,765	17,795	15,863	
Anthracite, recent week				418	374	699				
Anthracite, year to date				10,786	10,368	18,315				
Production data in thousands of short tons										
Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy, Energy Information Administration - Weekly Coal Reports										
Production by states, bituminous and lignite										
Eastern										
Alabama				620	625	507				
Georgia				—	—	1				
Illinois				1,395	1,383	1,250				
Indiana				625	648	504				
Kentucky										
Eastern				2,512	2,515	2,196				
Western				1,022	892	768				
Total, Ky.				3,534	3,407	2,964				
Maryland				83	96	99				
Ohio				840	950	852				
Pennsylvania				1,816	1,792	1,864				
Tennessee				295	324	282				
Virginia				975	1,143	872				
West Virginia				2,410	2,328	2,032				
Total, eastern				12,593	12,696	11,227				
Western										
Alaska				13	14	14				
Arizona				220	218	265				
Arkansas				8	10	13				
Colorado				375	391	335				
Iowa				12	14	11				
Kansas				16	17	9				
Missouri				125	122	126				
Montana				630	675	752				
New Mexico				325	340	243				
North Dakota				318	316	302				
Production data in thousands of short tons										
Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy, Energy Information Administration - Weekly Coal Reports										
Production employees										
All employees				91.1	93.0	245.0				
Coal mining				89.6	89.5	241.7				
Bituminous & lignite										
Coal mining				75.5	77.2	202.3				
Bituminous & lignite				74.2	74.1	199.3				
Hours, weekly average										
Coal mining				39.9	38.5	39.1				
Bituminous & lignite				39.9	38.4	39.1				
Earnings, hourly average										
Coal mining				11.49	11.44	10.93				
Bituminous & lignite				11.54	11.56	10.97				
Earnings, weekly average										
Coal mining				458.45	440.44	427.36				
Bituminous & lignite				460.45	443.90	428.93				
Source: U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics - Employment and Earnings										
Transportation: railroad										
Eastern district				1,448	1,589	1,102				
Bessemer and Lake Erie				7,147	7,207	6,158				
Chesapeake and Ohio				17,426	17,581	15,324				
Consolidated Rail Corp.				8,852	9,000	7,748				
Norfolk and Western				20,329	21,656	16,986				
Pittsburgh & Lake Erie				—	—	380				
Western Maryland				2,383	2,746	3,252				
Other, eastern district				1	48	33				
Total, eastern district				57,586	59,829	50,983				
Southern district										
Clinchfield Railroad				2,186	2,356	2,089				
Illinois Central Gulf				4,479	3,738	3,821				
Transportation: inland rivers										
Monongahela River, Lock No. 3				285,412	323,108	219,412				
Allegheny River, Lock No. 2				47,700	24,000	11,800				
Ohio River, Montgomery Lock				340,089	302,285	209,857				
In short tons through locks										
Source: U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District										
Bituminous and lignite										
Consumption				44,908	43,604	41,377				
Electric power utilities				147,095	163,859	170,304				
Coal user stocks of coal										
Electric power utilities				91	73	86				
Anthracite										
Consumption				5,008	5,035	3,725				
Coal user stocks of coal										
Electric power utilities										
Note: Data given in thousands of short tons.										
Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy, Energy Information Administration - Weekly Coal Report										
Price indexes										
Coal				491.8	487.7	466.9				
Anthracite				565.1	553.0	459.7				
Chestnut, Pa., mine				487.9	471.7	410.4				
Buckwheat No. 1, Pa., mine				643.7	617.8	525.0				
Bituminous				488.6	484.8	468.2				
Domestic sizes				605.7	597.3	580.7				
Retail dealers				286.6	282.6	274.7				
Industrial sizes, spot				412.0	405.0	394.5				
Steam electric utility				134.8	128.2	120.9				
Manufacturing				260.4	257.2	250.3				
Metallurgical, high volatile				704.2	704.2	698.5				
Metallurgical, low volatile				710.6	710.6	703.0				
Industrial sizes, contract				139.0	138.3	132.5				
N.A.				170.3	158.9	120.1				
Manufacturing				124.5	123.1	120.1				
Metallurgical, high volatile				100.5	98.9	99.4				
Coke (foundry by-product)				470.3	468.5	430.6				
Birmingham, Ala.				485.2	485.2	439.6				
Milwaukee, Wis.				470.8	470.8	432.4				
Detroit, Mich.				N.A.	N.A.	420.1				
Indianapolis, Ind.				484.3	484.3	437.1				
St. Louis, Missouri				316.1	N.A.	286.8				
Philadelphia, Penna.				315.6	315.6	285.8				
N.A. — Not available										

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	Quantity in short tons			Dollar Value			Avg. Value, per short ton		
	8/81	5/81	8/80	8/81	5/81	8/80	8/81	5/81	8/80
Bituminous coal, low volatile blends to make coke No. 5213116									
Japan	1,295,089	1,174,885	2,298,851	78,747,600	66,798,581	133,967,132	60.78	56.86	58.28
Italy	583,410	219,543	411,525	35,390,208	13,724,736	20,514,531	62.81	62.52	49.85
Canada	297,755	125,418	662,114	17,207,577	8,014,258	38,281,749	57.79	47.95	57.82
Brazil	147,502	—	249,033	9,353,227	—	15,041,960	63.41	—	60.40
Spain	125,592	45,151	56,616	8,947,180	2,156,389	3,176,026	55.32	47.78	56.10
Germany, F.R. (West)	114,013	81,786	112,284	7,041,817	4,629,091	5,826,572	61.76	56.80	51.90
Korea, Rep. (South)	110,854	—	79,582	5,116,855	—	4,363,771	46.24	—	54.85
Yugoslavia	98,251	—	105,091	5,921,008	—	5,407,361	60.26	—	51.45
Total, above	2,752,866	1,846,781	3,975,056	165,725,452	93,323,155	226,579,522	60.20	56.67	57.00
Total, other nations	300,828	439,385	1,928,002	16,822,722	23,303,232	99,421,335	55.92	50.76	51.57
Total, all nations	3,053,692	2,086,166	5,903,058	182,548,174	115,626,387	326,000,857	59.78	55.43	55.23
Bituminous coal, others No. 5213120									
Canada	698,144	1,230,041	1,397,937	32,608,279	56,590,363	56,396,840	48.71	46.01	40.35
Denmark	393,921	305,195	—	19,846,910	14,583,094	—	49.98	47.78	—
Japan	366,230	487,007	32,094	17,938,487	22,477,781	1,742,830	48.45	46.15	54.30
France	381,410	508,408	333,998	15,891,111	22,003,858	11,962,046	43.97	43.28	35.81
Netherlands	214,444	142,130	58,885	10,194,315	5,088,275	2,378,570	47.54	35.80	39.73
China, Taiwan	183,547	—	—	8,310,901	—	—	—	42.94	—
Italy	185,457	144,154	106,412	8,293,548	8,431,490	3,788,008	44.72	44.62	35.60
Spain	161,172	504,531	117,530	8,647,894	21,314,667	4,068,827	41.25	42.25	34.62
Total, above	2,594,325	3,321,469	2,047,836	119,531,383	148,499,506	80,337,121	46.07	44.71	39.23
Total, other nations	223,871	503,024	760,190	11,270,731	23,295,193	31,576,334	50.39	46.31	41.54
Total, all nations	2,817,996	3,824,490	2,808,026	130,802,114	171,784,699	111,913,455	46.42	44.92	39.85
Lignite No. 5213130									
Total, all nations	2,577	4,672	4,382	532,723	826,011	866,378	178.95	176.80	203.66
Coke coals for use as fuel No. 5213148									
Total, all nations	200,347	82,853	219,437	12,118,931	5,229,295	12,996,006	60.49	63.12	59.23

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Senate Fight Still Ahead

House Approves \$155.7-Million for MSHA

By STEVE MARCY

WASHINGTON — The House has approved the \$155.7-million the Reagan Administration was seeking earlier in the year for the Mine Safety and Health Administration in fiscal 1982, but the action must still run a gauntlet of reviews by the Senate.

Most serious of them is the possibility of the MSHA appropriation becoming caught in a subsequent Administration request for deeper cuts as part of Congress' second, and final budget resolution.

The Senate Appropriation's Subcommittee that reviews funding for the Labor Department, of which MSHA is an agency, has already recommended slashing the 1982 MSHA appropriation to \$63.2-million and halving the number of mandatory inspections from four to two yearly for underground coal mines and from two to one for surface coal mines.

Sources within the United Mine Workers believe, however, that they have the votes currently to reverse the subcommittee ac-

Could Be Chilly Winter For Home Coal-Burners

WASHINGTON — Those 100,000 to 300,000 purchasers of coal stoves during the last year expecting to burn anthracite this winter had better have bought and stockpiled the fuel early.

The easing of anthracite supplies that was supposed to have occurred by this winter, through U.S. Army plans to compress its normal year-round purchases schedules to nine months and through an expected production increase, might not have happened after all.

Jerry Pell, the Energy Department's coal expert, said anthracite production through the first half of this year was down by more than 12 percent.

John Carter, who started Hannen Coal Co. in Winsted, Conn., about two years ago, said he has been unable to get a load of anthracite in about a month. He said he warned his customers to stockpile early.

The production fall-off was partially due to the coal miners' strike. United Mine Workers' District 26, like their UMW brethren located in bituminous fields, had their

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UMW sources say this support comes from Democratic and Republican members on Appropriations from coal states who are sure to attend the meeting. They have reportedly lined up the proxies if other supportive colleagues cannot attend, these sources say.

Prematurely counting votes can always be dangerous, these sources also point out.

Endangering the higher funding levels this time is the likelihood that the Appropriations Committee will not meet on 1982 funding levels until after action on the second concurrent budget resolution.

The Reagan Administration has requested cuts of 12 percent across the board for all departmental funding for 1982 in order to reduce the budget deficit. If the second budget resolution reflects that request and the Appropriations Committee adheres to it, then the \$155.7-million funding level faces trouble.

But favoring the higher funding level,

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NEWS ROUNDUP

The domestic steel industry is in the midst of a complete turnaround from the optimistic outlook expressed earlier this year. American Iron & Steel Institute statistics placed August imports at 2,226,000 tons, the highest level for any month on record. This compared with July's imports of 1,663,000 tons and ran 62 percent higher than the 1,374,000 tons imported in August 1980. The cumulative total of 12,745,000 tons was 20.6 percent higher than in the first 7 months of 1980.

William J. De Lancey, chairman of AISI and of Republic Steel, said: "Five months of imports rising to almost a 25 percent share of the American market have created a critical situation for the American steel industry."

Subsequently, U.S. Steel notified the Congressional steel caucus that it intended to file a complaint alleging unfair trade practices against foreign steelmakers. A petition, to be filed with the International Trade Commission, will charge that foreign producers are dumping steel at unfairly low prices and selling steel that is heavily subsidized by foreign governments. European, South African, Taiwanese, Brazilian, Mexican and South Korean steelmakers were listed.

Lukens Steel earlier filed a complaint with Commerce charging Japan Steel Works with dumping stainless steel clad plate on the American market.

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BEER FROM COAL: Adolf Coors brewery at Golden, Colo., aims at energy self-sufficiency through its own surface mine at Keenesburg, 55 miles to the Northeast.

New York Takes 'Serious Step' As Coal Port

By GENE SMITH

NEW YORK — The City of New York has taken the serious first step in its plan to become a major coal export center.

Mayor Edward I. Koch released last Thursday in-house feasibility study showing the port has the potential to proceed with a privately-financed \$150-million coal export terminal on Staten Island.

At a press conference at City Hall, the Mayor, along with Karen Gerard, Deputy Mayor for economic policy, and Linda W. Seale, Commissioner of the Department of Ports and Terminals, said that results of the preliminary study indicated that the project looks good enough to proceed with the next phase.

That will be a call for proposals for preliminary engineering and environmental studies for the actual project. The city is expected to spend about \$500,000 on

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